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BARRE – It may be a blessing or a curse, however for three out of the last four years Quabbin Middle School teacher, Evan Barringer, has reigned supreme with his title as the champion of the No Shave November challenge.

“This is the fourth year,” said Barringer of this contest. “I have done it all of the years, and this is my third time winning. I proudly have the trophy in my classroom displayed.”

Mixing fun for a good cause was the mission of No Shave November, an exciting event organized by Quabbin Kids Care

(QKC), a student run group at the Quabbin Middle School in Barre.

“No Shave November started as a fundraiser for the QKC,” advisor and teacher Rebecca Robidoux said. “Male teachers in the building start November 1 and don’t shave until our measurement of beards right before break.”

Barre Food Pantry offers monthly distribution

BARRE – People in need of food assistance are welcome to the Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., on the Common on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon for free monthly distribution of fresh, frozen and canned food made available through local and regional donations and state and federal government programs.

The Barre Food Pantry would like to encourage clients to bring their reusable grocery tote bags with them when they come to pick up food at distribution. For additional information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.



News of the Towns



Round Town

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Senior center to hold craft fair

The Senior Buddies will hold its second annual craft fair Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. There will be lunch, a 50/50 drawing, raffles, vendors and a door prize. This is a fundraiser for the Senior Buddies, who support events and activities at the senior center.

Senior holiday party

Senior holiday party The holiday party for Barre seniors will be held Friday, Dec. 20 starting at 11:45 a.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. Sign up is required by Tuesday, Dec. 17. The meal will be catered by McNally's and includes a choice of pot roast or fish and includes vegetable, potato and desserts. Cost is \$8 per person with part of the total cost of \$12 being supplemented by the senior center. Following the meal, the Hubbardston Swinging Seniors group will provide musical entertainment.

Barre Congregational Church fair

The annual Barre Congregational Church Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tehre will be crafter, baked goods, raffles, tea and more.

Medicare open enrollment reminder

Medicare open enrollment ends Saturday, Dec. 7.

Barre Players Theater

Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., presents "Plaid Tidings," a special holiday edition of "Forever Plaid" by Stuart Ross Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Dec. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$20 and \$15 for seniors and children. Stage direction and choreography is by Meg Norton and music direction by James Joinville. The play features Robert Herstedt, James Lamoureux, Anthony Masciangioli and Isaac Swanson.

No. 4 Schoolhouse Christmas party

The annual Christmas party at the No. 4 Schoolhouse, Farrington Road, will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Members and non-members are welcome. People may RSVP to Joyce Dea at 978-355-2005 or no4schoolhouse@gmail.com with attendance information. This is helpful, as Santa will deliver a small gift to each child under the age of 12.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold Christmas meeting

BARRE – American Legion Auxiliary – Barre, Unit 2 will hold their Christmas meeting on Monday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Post quarters, 450 South Main St. Refreshments will be provided by Jean Reed and Anne Hardaker. A Yankee Swap will follow. Please join them to cheer in the holiday season. Please note the change in time of the meeting as 6 p.m.

Pioneer Valley Brass to perform at Unitarian Church



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The Pioneer Valley Brass will perform a free public concert of holiday music in Hubbardston on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian, sponsored by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana. Shown in last year's program are Dick Tandy, Jim Engele, Joe Hoyer, Jeri Bannister, and Curt Coolidge. Melissa Griffin will replace Curt Coolidge in Saturday's performance.

HUBARDSTON – The First Universalist Parish of North Dana was forced to close its doors and leave the town of North Dana for the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir in the 1930's, but its legacy lives on in vespers programs performed under the auspices of a trust fund established by sisters Catherine Mason and Mary Hale, and administered by descendants of parish members.

The Pioneer Valley Brass will perform a free concert of traditional and modern Holiday music at the First Parish Unitarian of Hubbardston on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m., as the 792nd such vespers program.

The Pioneer Valley Brass is a group of talented musicians

from throughout the area, and has been performing for over 40 years. Dick Tandy and Melissa Griffin play trumpet, Jim Engele plays horn, Jeri Bannister performs on trombone and Joe Hoyer is featured on tuba. These musicians have performed and are well known throughout the region.

Saturday's program will include: "Fanfare for an Angel" by Stephenson, "Joy to the World" arranged by Price; "Festival of Lights" arranged by Bannister, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" arranged by Coolidge, "Sounds of the Season" arranged by Tandy, "Nativity Carol" arranged by Bannister, "Away in a Manger" arranged by Snell, "Let it Snow" arranged by Frackenpohl,

"Feliz Navidad" arranged by Bannister, "These Three Kings, They Like to Swing" arranged by Meerboer, "Dixie Jingle Bells" arranged by Steward and "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" arranged by Bannister.

Other Christmas Vespers sponsored by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana include Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Central Congregational Church in Orange and on Sunday, Dec. 15, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Greenfield at 4 p.m.

People may contact music coordinator Maureen Riendeau at 978-413-6867 for information about First Universalist Parish of North Dana or to schedule a vespers program.

Hubbardston

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Christmas fair benefits Hubbardston senior center

The Friends of the Hubbardston Senior Center invite people to join them at the annual Hubbardston Senior Center Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7 Main Street. Many vendors will be there to help with your holiday shopping needs, including their annual raffle table. People are invited to stop by and support the Hubbardston Senior Center.

Gingerbread Fair

The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, will hold its annual Gingerbread Fair Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a Chinese auction, spices, home baked goods, silent auction, naturals, fresh laurel wreaths, memorial boxes, candy, crafts, knitting raffles, jams, jellies and hand painted gifts. People may purchase lunch of homemade soups with crusty bread, gingerbread with whipped cream and beverage. Take out is available.

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., weekly schedule includes: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Wii Bowling at 8 a.m.; Monday - Friday coffee hour at 8 a.m.; Tuesday - Swinging Singing Seniors at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday - walking club at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday - Senior Center meals by MOC at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday - pitch (second and fourth Wednesdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Thursday - cribbage (second and fourth Thursdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Friday - craft corner (third Friday each month) at 10 a.m., Friday - cribbage at 1:30 p.m. and Friday evenings - pitch (first and third Fridays each month) at 6:30 p.m. Free bread/baked goods are available at the senior center Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Price Chopper Supermarket in Gardner donates them. Free one dozen Country Hen eggs for residents 60 and over are available every week on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the senior center. For more information, people may call 978-928-1400, extension 211. A certified SHINE Medicare counselor is available at the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 by appointment.

Food Pantry lists volunteer opportunities

BARRE – The Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., on the Common, welcomes volunteers Tuesday, Dec. 10 between 6:30-8:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room and sort, date and pre-bag donated groceries for free distribution the next day. On Wednesday, Dec. 11 the Barre Food Pantry welcomes volunteers from 9:30 a.m. to noon to help staff the tables, help clients "shop" the food bank offerings and help carry groceries to clients' cars. They do not need empty egg cartons for now.

Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students that come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd. The following meals will be served for the week of Dec. 9.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Burger with chili and cheese, sweet potato fries, green beans, strawberries, sandwich roll

TUES. – Chicken pesto, seasoned potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, vanilla mousse, pumpernickel bread

WED. – Roast pork loin with gravy, cranberry stuffing, California blend vegetables, baked apples, corn muffin

THURS. – American chop suey, herbed broccoli and carrots, bread pudding, peasant bread

FRI. – Jambalaya, rice pilaf, summer corn, pineapple, French bread

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Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Corrections policy

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Board of Selectmen – Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.
QRSD Policy and Review Subcommittee – Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
250th Anniversary Committee – Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Committee – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Dec. 12 at 3 p.m.
QRSD Committee – Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Sewer Commission – Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Dec. 10 at 6:45 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Library Trustees – Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 10 and Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Parks Commission – Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.
Town Center Committee – Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.
Open Space Committee – Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.

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Conservation Commission – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.

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Board of Health – Dec. 5 and 19 at 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Dec. 26 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – Dec. 10 at 12:45 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 12:08 p.m.

Orange Historical Society to hold Christmas Bazaar



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Kathy Schiappa and Ingrid Pollard show Santa some of the many prizes offered in last year's raffle. The Orange Historical Society will hold its Christmas Bazaar at 41 North Main St., Orange, Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ORANGE – The Orange Historical Society Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 41 North Main St. Doors open at 9 a.m. for one of the main fundraisers of the society, which is home to three floors and a three story barn full of Orange history.

Area businesses and individuals have been very generous with their donations for their Bazaar's Chance Table. Tickets may be placed in the decorated cans by each prize before the 2 p.m. drawing. This year's bazaar has over 100 prizes. Prizes include gift certificates to many area

restaurants and pizza houses, handmade items, car oil changes, front end alignments, detailing and service gift certificates. Proceeds are used toward the \$7,000 in heating and maintenance costs for the French-Weymouth House, which is home to the historical society's treasures, including the Grout steam car, which was manufactured in Orange.

Another fundraiser ended this week, with the drawing for the fuel oil, wood, and wood pellets. Tickets were sold all year and the winners were drawn at the Athol-Mahar Thanksgiving Day

Game. Winners were Curt Rand, who won the oil which was donated by Orange Oil Co. and donated it back to the historical society; Dan Disalle, won the wood, donated by The Gelinas Companies and Dan Eaton won the wood pellets donated by Mt. Tully Kennels.

In addition to the tin can raffle, many delicious food items will be available at the bakery and canned goods table. People may contact Kathy Schiappa for information on donating or becoming a member of the Orange Historical Society.

Oakham

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Memoir group to meet Saturdays

An autobiographical/ memoir group will be held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fobes Memorial Library, Maple Street. The meeting next will be Saturday, Dec. 7. This is an outgrowth of a very successful group that has been meeting at the Oakham Senior Center. Participants will be using prompts and other writing techniques to begin and to share their work in a supportive and positive atmosphere. All are welcome regardless of age or experience. Everyone has stories to tell and to share. People may call Rich at 508-867-4957 with any questions.

Fobes Memorial Library

The Fobes Memorial Library received a \$3,000 grant from the Barre Saving Charitable Trust. Fidelity Bank administers the trust. Librarian Samantha Bodine secured the grant for the library. The grant will be used to continue the great job being done at the library.

Sandy and Barbara Wreschinsky decorated the library for the holidays once again this year.

Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church celebrated the first Sunday of Advent with the Hanging of the Greens. Jeff Nahkala on trumpet and Dawn Thistle on piano played "The Holly and the Ivy." The Ouimet family lighted the first candle of Advent – Hope and placed the six-pointed star of David, the star seen in the East and the star that shown over Bethlehem on the Advent banner.

Katherine McMenemy and Catelyn Rich on violins played "O Christmas Tree." The adult choir sang "Isaiah the Prophet" by Jay Patterson. Laura Guilbault sang "I Wonder as I Wander." The children's choir and Dawn Thistle sang "The Gift Goes On" by Ron Harris. Readers included Barbara Crawford – the Paraments and Advent Colors, Heather Stewart – the Hanging of the Greens, Chris Nahkala – the Christmas Tree, Jan Pierce – the Christmas Poinsettia, Duncan Stewart – The Gifts of Christmas and Gene Rich – the Bells of Christmas.

Project Stocking benefits deployed Navy sailors

HUBBARDSTON – Libby Felton-Tucker launched Project Stocking in 2018. People donated about 200 stockings.

This year the stockings will be dedicated in loving memory of three young adults: Jeremy Kauppila, Chase Edwards and Brittany Murch. Suggested items for the stockings include: socks, gloves, hats, sunscreen, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, deodorant, Advil, Tylenol, gum, mints, airborne razors, lotions, bobby pins, non-perishable snacks, games and more.

An Amazon list named "Navy Stocking Stuffer Drive" has been created and made public to make it easy to donate items already designated. Donors should simply search for this list, click on the item they want to order and it will be delivered directly to Project Stocking. Donations may also be dropped off at the Hubb Town Diner, 32 Main St. during business hours.

Monetary donations will be accepted to cover the purchase of any items not received and to assist with the high cost of shipping the packages overseas to sailors deployed during the holidays. People should make checks payable to Wanda Felton-Tucker and note Project Stocking in the memo and mail to 501 Hubbardston Road, Barre, MA 01005. People may call 978-425-8088 for more information.

Scouts BSA Troop 6 for girls meets Wednesdays

GARDNER – Scouts BSA Troop 6 for Girls, the local BSA Troop for Barre area girls, meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Gardner American Legion. This is a hiking, biking, paddling Troop where girls can earn their Eagle rank. People may email Troop6.Girls@gmail.com for further information.

Venture Crew 6 is a co-ed, high-adventure outing club for young people 14-20. They meet the first and third Thursdays of every month and have at least one adventure each month. Sometimes they meet at a mountain, a lake or bike trail. Youths can find out where they will be meeting at www.GardnerVenturing.org.



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Hubbardston hosts gingerbread house contest Saturday, Dec. 7

HUBBARDSTON – Get ready to pre-heat the oven, pull out the cookie sheets and decorating tips and enter Hubbardston's first ever Gingerbread House Contest. Gingerbread houses should be delivered to the Hubbardston Center School on Saturday, Dec. 7 between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Gingerbread houses may be entered in one of these categories:

Family: Guardian/s and their children under the age of 18; Jr. Child: Individual child, ages

8 and under; Child: Individual child, age 9-12; Teen: Individual child, age 13-17; and Adult: Individual adult, age 18 and older

Gingerbread structures may be houses, train stations, barns, birdhouses, lighthouses, bridges, ships, or any other imaginative dwellings. Gingerbread structures must be constructed mainly of gingerbread and icing. Styrofoam and other support materials are not permitted. All components of the display, except for the base, must

be made of edible materials. Edible materials include candy, nuts, cereal, cookies, crackers, and other food

items that do not include wrappers or sticks. Wrappers should be removed from candy and other decorations.

Entries will be judged on overall appearance, originality/creativity, workmanship/technique and difficulty. Judging will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 by noon and \$25 Visa Gift Cards will be awarded to the winners.

Wachusett Greenways lists events

REGION – There will be trail clearing on the Mass Central Rail Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon and Monday, Dec. 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wachusett Greenways welcomes all volunteers for trail clearing. People may contact Colleen Abrams at 508-479-2123 or colleen.abrams@verizon.net to sign up.

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. there will be a hike at the Trout Brook Reservation in Holden. The group will take an easy loop hike with a distance of about 3.5 miles. They will hike through the Trout Brook Reservation recreation area, then follow the Red Trail along

picturesque Trout Brook and finally loop back to the trailhead using the Bob Elms (Blue) trail. The trailhead The hike begins at the far end of the parking lot off of Manning Street in Holden.

People may contact Jeff Keay to sign up at jkeay23@gmail.com or 508-353-1174.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Can benefits be increased by withdrawing from Social Security?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I'm 67 and have been collecting Social Security for a couple of years now, but I want to increase my benefit. Will you please explain what Social Security's Form SSA-521 is for? Would it benefit me as a retiree to be able to gain more on my monthly benefits? Where and how could I request or access this form? Signed: Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking: Social Security's Form SSA-521, Request for Withdrawal of Application, is used when someone has applied for Social Security benefits and later decides they do not want to collect their benefits after all. The form can be submitted within 12 months of the start date of your benefits, and if approved, will require that all benefits which have been paid to you, or on your behalf by Social Security, including Medicare premiums, withheld taxes and any benefits (including those paid to your spouse or any other dependents on your record) are fully reimbursed to the Social Security Administration. It might be used, for example, by those who claim prior to their full retirement age, perhaps because they become unemployed and need the money, and then later become employed again. Or it might be used by someone who applies for benefits early, but later simply change their mind and now wants to delay claiming to increase their benefit amount. This form is how someone can initiate the "do over option" that you sometimes hear Social Security pundits speak of. It essentially "wipes the slate clean" with Social Security, but it cannot be used by someone who has been collecting benefits for more than one year and it cannot be used more than once in your lifetime.

From what you have told me, the Request for Withdrawal of Application Form SSA-521 will not work for you. However, there is another way you can increase your Social Security benefits. Since you have already reached your full retirement age you can now request that Social Security "suspend" your benefit payments so that you can earn "delayed retirement credits" (DRCs). If you suspend your benefits, you'll earn DRCs at the rate of 2/3rds of 1 percent per month you delay (8 percent per year of delay), and when you eventually restart your benefits the amount will be higher (how much higher depends upon the number of months your benefits have been suspended). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, so you should not wait beyond age 70 to restart your benefits. But beware, because there's a catch to suspending your benefits – your spouse, or any other dependent, cannot collect benefits based upon your work record while your benefits are suspended. And if your Medicare Part B premium is deducted from your Social Security payment, you'll need to make special arrangements to pay that Part B premium directly to Medicare.

If you decide to suspend and allow your benefit to grow, you will need to contact Social Security directly, either via the general number (800.774.1213) or by contacting your local office (find it at www.ssa.gov/locator). You may ask Social Security to suspend your benefits either verbally or in writing. So, if you have found you don't need your Social Security benefit at this time and wish to allow it to grow, and you understand that anyone else collecting on your record cannot get benefits while you are not collecting, then suspending your benefits and restarting them later would give you the higher benefit you are seeking. Your benefits will restart automatically the month you turn 70.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Letter to The Editor

St. Francis held successful fair

As the pixie dust settled on the blue, silver and white balls on the glistening garland, the final winner was chosen and then St. Francis of Assisi Silver Bells' Fair was completed. We thank you so much for your incredible generosity. Several people lent their expertise to create the different methods, which advertised this event.

Businesses exceeded expectations with their gifts and gift certificates. The Knights cheerfully created their delicious breakfasts. Homemade soups and sandwiches were devoured during the luncheon. The CCD students created beautiful wooden birch log snowmen and centerpieces, and also served at various tables, including cleanup. Every table was laden with beautiful gifts offered by church members. Santa Claus was photographed with the beaming smiles of those young and old.

For months everyone quietly worked to make this holiday fair a family event for the whole community. And so many in the community participated. Thank you all from our hearts.

St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild
Kathlyn Inman
Barre



In Past Pages

5 years ago (Dec. 4, 2014)

Volunteers are the backbone of the popular "Christmas in Barre," an event with a long-standing tradition in town. Originally, decorating Barre for the Christmas holiday fell to the Christmas Decorating Committee that dates back to the 1980s or earlier. For many years, the Barre dispatchers formed a volunteer core that decorated the town commons. When those volunteers were unable to continue after many years of service, the Barre Business Association provided the volunteer pool. The current Christmas in Barre Committee has been in charge of the decorating for about 10 years. Committee chair Sharon Proctor said, "This day would not happen if not for the whole committee, Teri Mars, Lynne and Charlie Miller, Sandy Hood, Corice Boyer and Margo Petracone and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus." She also thanked the Barre Fire Department for using their ladder truck to hang up the wreaths and garlands on the town hall every year. This year Craig Reed, Jonathan Wheeler and Steve Goodale of the fire department and Vinnie Acito of the Barre Rescue Squad did the task. The Barre Department of Public Works (DPW) trims the bushes on the common and sets the crèche up.

The Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife Board presented Senator Stephen Brewer with the Governor Francis W. Sargent Conservation Award honoring his contributions to protection of the Commonwealth's natural resources. Brewer of Barre is the 11th recipient of the award established in 2000 by the Fisheries and Wildlife Board to honor the former governor and noted conservationist, who was director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) from 1963-1964. Mike Roche, Fisheries and Wildlife Board Secretary, spoke of Brewer, his lifelong friend. "Senator Brewer's career has had a profound impact on the ability of the DFW to manage fish and wildlife for the benefit of the public," Roche noted the Senator's substantial work guarding the rights of anglers in the Quabbin Reservoir.

It's that time of year again, when the snow starts to fly and summer becomes just a distant memory. It's also that time of year when the outdoor sports move to indoors and the cleats get hung up until the spring. For 10 young men on the Quabbin boys soccer team, they may have hung up their blue and gold soccer jerseys for good, but hanging up the cleats is another story. Some hope to continue their soccer journey in college, while others will look into different sports, but all agreed that soccer was too important to them not to play again in some capacity. Tri-captains Collin Bennett, Griffin Bennett, Jeremy Hoffman, and seniors Marshal

LOOK BACK
New Town Hall - 1982



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New Braintree Town Clerk Carolyn Glidden goes over figures with John J. Klem, chairman of the Town Hall Building Committee at a town meeting. Voters approved the construction of a new town hall with acceptance of a \$275,000 grant from the state plus approval for use of \$107,000 insurance money.

Bertrand, Riley Brooks, Mason Prentiss, Zachary Pearson, Chris Seitz, Aaron Petricca and Cooper Wolanin have many great memories about their time as Panthers.

10 years ago (Dec. 10, 2009)

A tree from Kip's Christmas Tree Farm in New Braintree was chosen to be the Massachusetts State Christmas tree. Kenneth Waugh, son of Kip Waugh, donated the tree. Each year, a statewide search is conducted to find the perfect tree to serve as the official Christmas tree in front of the State House. The Bureau of State Office Building staff looks for a spruce tree that is at least 30 feet tall with a full shape.

On a recent Sunday morning, after careful and strategic preparations, the landmark arch at Green Hollow Cemetery on Crawford Road in Oakham, was taken down. An exact replica of the arch will be created over the winter in the workshop of Lee Tavares, an Oakham resident and general contractor specializing in historic preservation. The cemetery restoration project, under the auspices of the Oakham Historical Association (OHA), is being supported primarily by private donations.

Bancroft School celebrated the success of their athletic body recently at a ceremony held on campus to honor the achievements made during the fall 2009 season. Junior Dalton Judd of Hardwick received the Most Improved Player award for his efforts on the Boys

Varsity Soccer team and freshman Aria Killough-Miller of Oakham received the Most Improved Player award for Girls Varsity Cross Country.

25 years ago (Dec. 8, 1994)

Dennis Parse, a senior at Mitchell College in New London, Conn. has been named to the NJCAA All New England Soccer Team for 1994. Parse is a 1993 graduate of Quabbin Regional High School where he was an All-Center MASS All-Star and served as team captain. Dean Roberts, the coach of Mitchell College, said "Dennis had an outstanding season for us this year and was one of the main reasons for our successful season." Mitchell finished with a record of 10-7-1 before losing in the NJCAA Region XXI Tournament to Mount Ida College 1-0. Dennis is the son of Ronald and Kathy parse of Barre, and will graduate in May from Mitchell. He is a business major currently carrying a 2.9 grade point average. Dennis is in the process of looking at colleges to transfer to upon graduation from Mitchell. Coach Roberts believes Dennis has the ability to continue his soccer playing at NCAA level.

An enthusiastic crowd welcomed Eino Oilly home on Saturday afternoon, though in many ways he never really left town. About 75 of his old friends, neighbors and family gathered at the Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club at a surprise party to honor his 80th birthday. Even though he's lived in Gardner since 1977, Eino has maintained many close ties to Hubbardston. These were developed over the many years he and his wife Saimi ran a poultry farm here, raising three children and being active in many social and civic organizations. Moving

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

A note from Missy

Many of my new readers have asked how Gertrude's stories got started and about her. A few years ago Missy's church started an Outreach Program for nursing home patients and those critically ill. After writing several stories, Missy decided to share them with others and thus asked the editor of the Barre Gazette to publish them.



Today after three years the paper and Missy have a great following and Missy also mails out many each week. Gertrude is a coal black cat with a long tail that has a little curl at the top. Her adventures are based on the many things Missy's cats have done over 60 years, but indeed Gertrude did come from an abused home and doesn't like to be picked up. Many of Gertrude's adventures are true and others fiction. Missy's cat's name is Ivy, but she is Gertrude in the stories and very mischievous in her old age.

Recently, when the two great-grandchildren were here, Gertrude broke her rule and let the youngest one pick her up without scratching. Missy was amazed. Some way cats seem to know how to act with children. I have seen it many times...(back to Gertrude).

She has not been on her best behavior this week. She got into some papers that master had on his work bench and scattered them all over the cellar floor. He had difficulty finding the one that helped him assemble the tool he was working on. It was a good thing Gertrude wasn't around at that time as the air was blue with bad language. Missy hopes you will continue to enjoy Gertrude's many escapades as much as she enjoys writing them.

Love (from us both),
Gertrude and Missy

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Thanksgiving has come and gone and now we are all preparing for Christmas. I mailed my Christmas cards on Friday. I told the postman he may not see me until spring. With the prediction of 10 to 14 inches of snow on Sunday and Monday, I may be snowed in on Serenity Hill.

Ken told me I should get out in the winter, but I think I will be safe and stay home. Our driveway is very icy at times. The snow is not the problem.

I had a nice Thanksgiving with our youngest daughter and her family. We were all there, 10 of us. We not only had the traditional Thanksgiving turkey meal but some seafood as well.

My oldest daughter always brings me some nice magazines. In one I found this recipe that I plan to try.

BRICK CHICKEN WITH GARLIC AND THYME

8 cloves garlic, smashed
8 sprigs of fresh thyme
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
8 small chicken thighs
Kosher salt

In a bowl, toss together garlic, thyme, oil and red pepper. Season chicken with 1/2 tsp. salt. Heat a large cast iron fry pan on medium until hot, about 3 minutes. Place chicken, skin side down, in skillet and spoon garlic and thyme mixture around it. Place a smaller skillet on top of the chicken and put heavy cans in it to weigh it down. This will flatten the chicken so it cooks evenly and gets extra-crisp. Cook 10 minutes.

Remove cans and top skillet, turn chicken over and stir garlic. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook until chicken is cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes more; remove from heat and transfer chicken to plates.

Note: Instead of using the cast iron pan for pressing the chicken, you can use a clean brick. That is why they call this recipe brick chicken. I was wondering if I could use a soap stone that I have. I will try that when I cook this recipe. I love cast iron fry pans for cooking. I have several sizes of the vintage ones.

Also, in reading the magazines

I found this recipe for pumpkin pie spice that you can make yourself. There are also a lot of recipes you can use this for.

PUMPKIN PIE SPICE

3 Tbsp. ground cinnamon
2 tsp. ground ginger
2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1 tsp. ground allspice
1 tsp. ground cloves

Mix together and keep in a spice container. I will give some recipe for using this in another column.

This and That

As I notice things that I use around the house, I like to mention it in this column. Instead of purchasing clips for closing potato chip bags and cereal bags, as they often break, I use clip clothespins that last a long time.

The Gingerbread Fair will be held at the Hubbardston Unitarian Church Saturday, Dec. 7 starting at 9 a.m. The members have been working hard for the past month getting ready for it. I viewed some of the items they have been making. They are a hard working group of people.

Have a good week and be careful shoveling snow.

MassWildlife urges not using invasive plants in holiday decorations

During the holiday season, many people use plants to decorate their homes or businesses. MassWildlife and the Department of Agricultural Resources are urging Massachusetts residents to avoid using exotic, invasive plants such as Oriental bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus) and Multiflora rose (Rosa multiflora) in holiday decorations. Though these plants' berries are very attractive, using invasive plants in decorations can impact native species and hab-

itat. Birds eat and carry away the fruits from wreaths and garlands, and the digested but still-viable seeds sprout where deposited.

Exotic, invasive plants create severe environmental damage, invading open fields, forests, wetlands, meadows, and backyards, and crowding out native plants. Bittersweet can even kill mature trees through strangling. Both plants are extremely difficult to control; when cut off, the remaining plant segment in the ground

will re-sprout. It is illegal to import or sell bittersweet and Multiflora rose in any form (plants or cuttings) in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is the state agency responsible for the conservation of all freshwater fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth, including endangered species. MassWildlife restores, protects and manages land for wildlife to thrive and for people to enjoy.

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Over the month during lunch, middle school students could either donate one dollar or a nonperishable food item to submit a guess on the teacher they thought would grow the longest beard.

There was no limit to the amount of guesses submitted, as both the funds raised and the food collected were going to the Barre Food Pantry.

"This event is a ton of fun and raises money for a good cause," explained Barringer. "QKC does amazing things throughout the year that teach kids the importance of giving back and being a good citizen. Part of our vision of a graduate is creating responsible citizens and this club does a great job with that."

According to Robidoux, the group is open to all middle school students and currently has a mix of approximately 20 seventh and eighth graders who plan, organize and carry out various events that benefit their school and the community.

This year, half a dozen middle school staff members offered themselves up for the challenge including administrators Steve Nicora

and Jason Gilmartin, teachers Ed Verrochi, Michael Groner and Barringer.

Even Quabbin Middle/High School Principal Greg Devine tossed his hat into the ring this year, but only for a short time.

"I tried and lasted one weekend; I really don't like the feel of a beard and it makes me look like Santa," said Devine. "This challenge has become a tradition at the middle school and it builds great spirit and relationships between students and teachers."

Although Devine didn't make it until the end of the month with the challenge, he was on hand with guidance counselor Pam Prizio measuring the crew of contenders during half time at the annual Teachers vs Students Basketball game last Tuesday afternoon before Thanksgiving break.

"I know this has been happening for at least three years because the trophy was unfairly awarded to Mr. Barringer in 2016 when my son was being born and I could not show up on measuring day," Groner said about his colleague. "They say that any superhero needs an arch-villain as a foil and Mr. Barringer fills that role well. However, I had

heard rumors that Mr. Nicora used to be called The Beardo of West Springfield. That had me worried."

All kidding aside, the majority of teachers appreciate the opportunity to have a small role in giving back and using fun events like the November challenge as a way to bring up important life lessons.

"I think it is highly entertaining seeing teachers with facial hair that normally do not have any, the kids get some laughs, but then we are able to discuss why we are doing it," stated Barringer. "At some point there will be a teacher who takes this crown from me, but for now I am a dominant force – I am the Tom Brady of facial growth."

"I hated every moment of the itchy experience, but I was committed," added Groner. "I wanted to be part of helping QKC in this cause. The commitment of QRMS to the Food Pantry is long standing and touching. The work the volunteers at the food pantry do is inspiring. Neighbors help neighbors who are in a rough patch to not go hungry. I would encourage everyone to support them. Ms. Robidoux and her club members work hard all year long to create fun events that also help people in need."

Gilbertville, made High Honors. Elizabeth Lefevre of North Brookfield and Patricia Prouty of Hardwick, made Honors.

Due to the devastation of the gypsy moths last summer, the Barre Plains Christmas tree will not be lit this year. Hopefully the tree will recover, if not plans will be made for a new tree.

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to Hubbardston in 1921, he fondly recalls his country boyhood, and his attendance at the old Center School. Eino has had a productive and fulfilling work-life, and is enjoying a satisfying retirement.

The woodwind pupils of Kathleen Downey will perform a Christmas concert at the Petersham Memorial Library. Those taking part include Jamie Brown, Caitlin Sanderson, Emily Lent and Hannah Davis of Petersham.

38 years ago (Dec. 9, 1981)

Margaret Dymon, director of the Central Massachusetts School of Ballet, held an open house at her new studio on Valley Road in Barre. The studio is a simply one-story rectangular structure with vertical siding of stained wood. The inside, however, is spacious and bright with light from the windows adding to the open airy feeling accented with white walls and rust-colored curtains. Ms. Dymon was busy greeting the many well-wishers who came to the open house. Grateful for the support, she was nevertheless glad when it was over as she was anxious to set things right again for classes the next day. It has been this kind of determination and dedication that has enabled Ms. Dymon to capture this classical art form first as a student, then as a ballerina in New York, and now as a teacher. A tall, statuesque woman, she moves with agility and grace, and there is little else in her life that gives her as much pleasure as dancing, with maybe the exception of taking her ungainly dog, Princess, for walks in the woods. She loves the outdoors and it was twirling under a tree as a little girl with leaves falling all around her that first gave her a vision of what her life's work would be.

Fisher Junior College recently announced the Dean's List for the September term. The following students obtained 30 credits and a cumulative average of 3.30 or better. Raylene Brown and Sylvester Socha, Jr. of

Two houseplants make great tabletop Christmas trees

Norfolk Island pines are nearly as popular as poinsettias this time of year, gracing chain store and super-market shelves just after the Thanksgiving holiday. Not sure exactly what they look like? Think mini Christmas tree. These cute conifers come table top ready, predecorated with tiny little ornaments and a festive foil sleeve. Most stand less than a foot tall, yet the amount of holiday cheer they bring to someone who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas tree is immeasurable.

Unlike cut Christmas trees, potted Norfolk Island pines need not be discarded once the holidays have passed. Simply take their decorations off and they become an easy to maintain houseplant. Although they look as if they would be hardy to our area, they are not, so don't plan on giving them a spot outdoors come spring-time, or you'll lose them with the first hard frost of fall.

Norfolk Island, from which the plant hails, is situated in the southern Pacific Ocean, northeast of Sydney, Australia, a much warmer climate indeed. The only locations within the United States that the Norfolk Island pine is hardy are Hawaii, and parts of Florida and California. Southern Florida is home to many commercial growers of the plant.

It is interesting to note that the Norfolk Island pine isn't a true pine at all. Rather, it is an evergreen plant with needle-like leaves. Side branches rise from the main stem at wide angles, giving it a symmetrical, triangular outline, especially when young. In the wild, heights can top off around 200 feet, with diameters between nine and 10 feet. As a houseplant, it is very slow growing.

To keep your Norfolk Island

pine looking its best for seasons to come, provide it with good quality light, and a few feet from a south or west facing window is ideal. Give it a quarter turn at each watering and you will be rewarded with a nice straight stem. If window space is out of the question, it will do okay in a well-lit room as well, providing the lights are on for most of the day. Temperatures should range between 60-70 degrees during the day; slightly cooler at night. It is important that the Norfolk Island pine be kept from temps below 50 degrees for any length of time or injury may occur. Therefore, be sure it is in a bag or protective sleeve when you bring it home from the store in chilly winter weather. Keep its soil but not soaking wet. Sometimes lower limbs may brown and then drop. Age, as well as erratic watering can cause this problem. Repot and check watering practices. Fertilize in the spring, once active growth resumes.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis), the herb of remembrance. Its needle like leaves and fragrant foliage make it a wonderful candidate for use as a table top Christmas tree. One of the more common questions when people toured Old Sturbridge Village's greenhouse in the off-season, was "How do you manage to overwinter your rosemaries? They are some of the biggest I've ever seen!" In a controlled setting such as a greenhouse, it's really not that difficult. Tender plants can be given as much sun as Mother Nature provides, but with the use of ther-



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

mostats and vents, temperatures can be kept to a minimum. We set the thermostat at 55 degree night temperatures, and vents opened when daytime heat reaches 70 degrees. Low temperatures like these won't push the plants into growth when winter day length and daylight can't support

it. Because of this the plants are stocky, not lanky. We watered when the soil is dry to the touch and sometimes this might be as infrequently as twice a week during an overcast stretch, or as often as every day if the sun is out. For home culture, a sunny but cool locale is best. One treat that many gardeners don't get to appreciate is the beautiful blue flowers that are borne on the plant in the short days of winter. Legend ties the plant to the Virgin Mary, saying that flowers that were originally white were turned to blue when she spread her cloak on its branches. Yet another reason that makes it a great choice for a mini Christmas tree.

With any luck, a Norfolk Island pine and rosemary can go from being great Christmas decorations to wonderful year round houseplants.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

West Mass Brass Ensemble to hold concert

SPRINGFIELD — Bring your holiday cheer for a festive afternoon concert on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. performed by West Mass Brass. Sing along to your favorite holiday songs or just sit back and enjoy the magic of the Christmas season. Admission is free.

"Employees at the Springfield Armory enjoyed the Christmas season. They had office and shop parties, some held at the Armory, others at downtown hotels. With thousands of employees, spread across a multitude of departments, employees mingled as they celebrated the holiday season. We are quite fortunate to continue this holiday musical tradition with West Mass Brass at this historic site." Remarked Park Ranger, Susan Ashman

West Mass Brass started in September 2014. Brass brass band enthusiasts, music majors, music teachers and students all came together to play music in the British brass band tradition. Band members come from all over Western Massachusetts and Southern Connecticut to share their love of music.

"The mission of the band is to perpetuate British style brass banding. Its goals include providing challenging music to play in suitable settings, and sharing the

unique sound of a quality brass band with the public." Band leader Ken McCance commented.

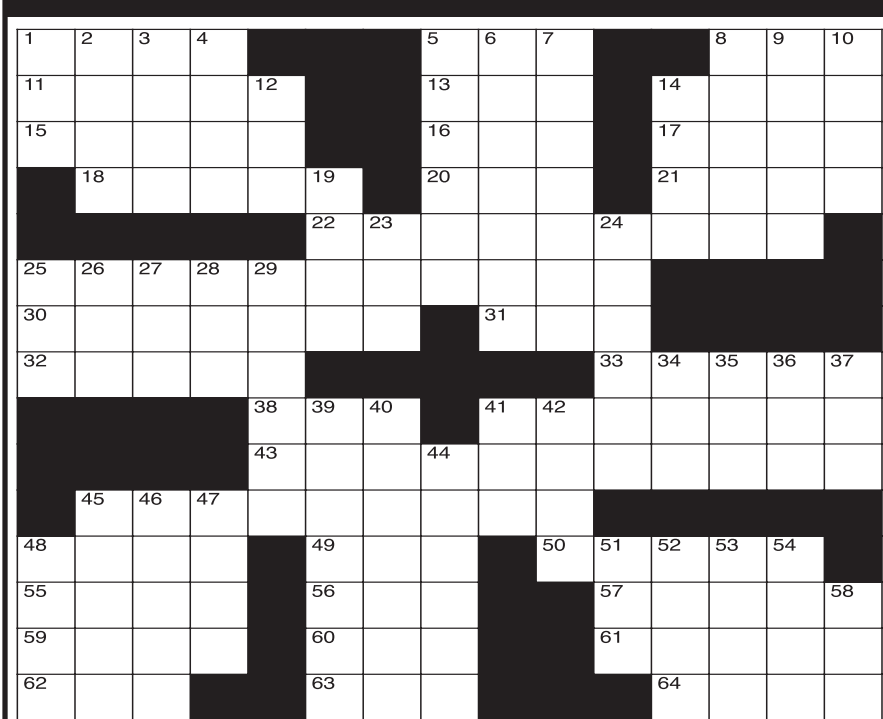
Springfield Armory National Historic Site commemorates and preserves the site of the nation's first armory, established in 1794. As a unit of the National Park Service, the Visitor Center and museum are currently open Wednesday – Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Admission is free. For information, people may call 413-734-8551 or check the website at www.nps.gov/spar or www.facebook.com/sparnhs.



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8. Philly football player
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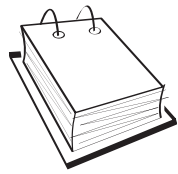
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THURSDAY, DEC. 5

2020 QUABBIN SAVINGS CARD will be offered by the Barre Library Association to benefit the Woods Memorial. The cost of the card is \$10 and with the purchase of card during the months of December, January and part of February, people can enter their gift basket drawing giveaway. Cards can purchased at: Woods Memorial Library, The Country Gourmet, Shear Expressions from Jen, as well as various local holiday fairs and the Hardwick Farmers Co-op during the weekends of Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15. For more information, people may contact Kate Lathrop at 978-355-2119 or Susan Morrall at 978-355-2777.

MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS will be held on Thursdays at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre from 10:30-11:45 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Montachusett Opportunity Council with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

SENIOR YOGA will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 9-10 a.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays. Cost is \$5. These sessions are “chair yoga,” which means you remain seated (no getting up and down off the floor, etc.). They are primarily stretching, breathing and meditation exercises, which are not physically demanding. For more information, people may visit www.listeningwellness.org or call 978-355-3501. People do not need to be a senior to participate.

POOL will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 9 a.m.

BINGO will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:15 a.m.

WHIST will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:30 a.m.

SENIOR LUNCH will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre Monday through Friday at 11:45 a.m. Call Jayne at 978-355-5027 to reserve your meal or Worcester Elder Services at 508-799-8070 and a \$2.50 donation is appreciated.

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 18 Common St., is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and always by appointment. To schedule an appointment, people may call Margaret Marshall at 978-257-7653. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about local history.

STORY TIME for 3 years olds will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

FREE KNITTING LESSONS will be offered at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville for anyone that is 12 years of age or older. The lessons will be offered on Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m. and will be free of charge. Knitting needles and yarn will be supplied. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

WALKING CLUB will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and

CALENDAR POLICY

Our calendar section is intended to promote “free” events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit is not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation, and contact information. All future listings appear weekly online.

Where is this?



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This week’s mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505 with their answer by noon on Monday, Dec. 9. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Dick Clark correctly identified last week’s photo. Last week’s photo was the Highway Department in New Braintree.

Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

HUBBARDSTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS BY MOC will be offered at the center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ART will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick, every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. This program is for those who want to explore art media, to share ideas or to just work in a group setting. For more information, people may call 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, visit www.paigelibrary.com or www.facebook.com/paigelibrary.

‘THE NAUGHTY BUT NICE STITCHERS’ KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB meets at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville every Thursday from 2:30-4 p.m. New people with any skill level are always welcome to join the group. In addition to their own hand-crafted projects, they will be making hats, mittens and sweaters for children in Gilbertville as well as contributing some of these items to the World Vision/Knit for Kids Organization. The Naughty but Nice Stitchers are asking for donations of unused yarns and size 7 or 8 knitting needles for use on these projects. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

TEA AT THREE will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick on Thursdays at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and enjoy tea (or coffee), treats and talk. For more information, people may email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, call 413-477-6704 or visit either www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/ or www.paigelibrary.com.

VENTURE CREW 6 is a co-ed, high-adventure outing club in Gardner for young people ages 14-20. They meet the first and third Thursdays of every month, and have at least one adventure each month. Sometimes they meet at a mountain, a lake or bike trail. People can find out where they will be meeting at www.GardnerVenturing.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

14TH ANNUAL COUNTRY ROADS CHRISTMAS TOUR features 19 local businesses in North Central Massachusetts. Hours are today from 4-7 p.m., Dec. 7 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a complete list of participating businesses, people may visit www.countryroadschristmas.com.

THE LIGHTS OF BARRE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING will be held today, Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 from 5-8:30 p.m. Those touring the lights will be asked to remain in their cars. Maps/ballots will be sold for a \$1 donation to the Ruggles Lane School PTO and can be purchased at Barre Family Pharmacy during regular business hours, the Tatman House during Christmas in Barre Dec. 7, at Breakfast with Santa Dec. 14 from 8-10 a.m. at Ruggles Lane School, or if your child is a student at Ruggles Lane School, at the school. All votes must be submitted by Tuesday, Dec. 17. Maps/voting ballots can be returned to Barre Family Pharmacy, or if you have a student at Ruggles Lane School, to the school office. The winners of the contest will be announced on The Ruggles Lane School Facebook page on Dec. 20. For more information, people may contact RugglesLanePTO@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE PARTY will be held at East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT), 120 Ridge Rd., Hardwick from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome to a night of good cheer, delicious food and drink. Bring a sweet or savory dish to share.

A HOLIDAY SONGFEST featuring Jennifer Fijal Brevik and Daniel Brevik will be performed at The Stone Church, 283 Main St., Gilbertville at 7 p.m. For more information, people may visit www.FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org or find them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/FriendsoftheStoneChurch](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheStoneChurch).

MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS will be held on Fridays at the Hardwick Youth/Family Center, located above the police station/municipal offices, 307 Main St., Gilbertville from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Montachusett Opportunity Council with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

PITCH will be played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston, the first and third Fridays of every month at 6:30 p.m.

BOOK CLUB will be held on the first Friday of each month at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville from 6-7 p.m.

ADULT COLORING GROUP will be held on the first, third, fourth and fifth Friday of every month at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville from 6-7 p.m. The library will provide supplies and people are welcome to bring their own. For more information, people may call the library at 413-477-6312.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION meets at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre every Friday morning at 10 a.m. for creation and conversation. All are welcome to attend.

CRAFT CORNER will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston on the third Friday of every month at 10 a.m.

CRIBBAGE will be played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB (CYC) will meet on Fridays at New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The group will meet September to June. Club is for school age boys and girls who want time with friends, fun, and learning about God and His love for them. Parents are encouraged to come and meet the leaders when they drop off their children. For more information, people may email barreclub@gmail.com.

MOTHER GOOSE TIME for 0-2 year olds will be held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be offered by the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC

and Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough in the church office, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield on Fridays at 5 p.m. Sessions will be offered for 6 weeks with a 2 week break between the next. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can sign up for this program. The group is open to all ages and all kinds of losses. People may call the church office at 508-867-7078 to indicate they will be attending or email 1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

CHRISTMAS IN BARRE CRAFT FAIR will be held at Town Hall, Exchange St., Barre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be crafters, baked goods, raffles and tea.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE AND GIFT TABLE will be hosted by Cradle Rock Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cookies will be sold by the pound at \$6 per pound. The Masons are also selling Christmas trees at this time.

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS will be hosted by the Senior Buddies of the Barre Senior Center at 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of 20 vendors, a café with lunch, seafood and egg salad sandwiches, chowder, chips, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, free door prize, 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction.

THE GINGERBREAD FAIR will be held at the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a huge Chinese auction, spices, home baked goods, silent auction, naturals, candy, crafts, knitting, raffles, fresh laurel wreaths and memorial boxes. A luncheon of homemade soups with crusty bread, gingerbread with whipped cream and beverage will be served. Take-out is available.

CHRISTMAS FAIR will be hosted by the Friends of the Hubbardston Senior Center at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main St., Hubbardston from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be local artists, vendors, lovely hand-made gifts, homemade baked goods, hot soups, homemade bread and more. Mrs. Claus will be there all day and there will be an appearance by Santa. For more information, people may call Claudia at 978-928-1400 extension 211.

ANNUAL PETERSHAM ART AND FINE CRAFT HOLIDAY SHOW will be held at the Town Hall, Rte. 32, Petersham from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a wide variety of unique gifts created by local artisans, including paintings, jewelry, wood carvings, stained glass, photographs, cards, books, nature illustrations, baskets, holiday greens and spices, children’s gifts and more. The Petersham Memorial Library will have a table to benefit library projects. Photographs with Santa will be available from 10 a.m. to noon and there will be live music as well.

19TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES will be hosted by the Rutland Historical Society at the Rutland Library, Rte. 122A today from 4-8 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 1-4 p.m. There will be beautifully decorated trees, crafty wreaths, gingerbread houses, fudge for sale, classic stockings, visits with Santa (bring your camera), basket raffle, kid’s games, refreshments and more.

STUFF A CRUISER TOY DRIVE with the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department, will be held at the South Barre Rod and Gun Club, Rte. 32, Barre/Hardwick line from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donations will be dispersed to the many needy families in the area.

‘PLAID TIDINGS’ A SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION OF FOREVER PLAID will be performed at the Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., Barre, today, Dec. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$20 and seniors and children are \$15. To reserve tickets, people may visit barreplayerstheater.com or call 978-355-2096.

1ST ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST will be held at the Hubbardston Center School today. Gingerbread houses should be delivered to the school between 9 and 10 a.m. Gingerbread houses may be entered in one of these categories: Family: Guardian/s and their children under the age of 18; Jr. Child: Individual child, ages 8 and under; Child: Individual child, age 9-12; Teen: Individual child, age 13-17; and Adult: Individual adult, age 18 and older. Gingerbread structures may be houses, train stations, barns, birdhouses, lighthouses, bridges, ships, or any other imaginative dwellings. Gingerbread structures must be constructed mainly of gingerbread and icing. Styrofoam and other support materials are not permitted. All components of the display, except for the base, must be made of edible materials. Edible materials include candy, nuts, cereal, cookies, crackers, and other food items that do not include wrappers or sticks. Wrappers should be removed from candy and other decorations. Entries will be judged on overall appearance, originality/creativity, workmanship/technique and difficulty. Judging will be held by noon and \$25 Visa Gift Cards will be awarded to the winners.

DISMAS CHRISTMAS FIRST ANNUAL TREE SALE will be held at Dismas House, 687 Lincoln Rd., Oakham today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be homemade Christmas crafts, cookies, cocoa and hayrides.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

PICTURES WITH SANTA for children and pets, to benefit Sweetpea F.O.R. Animals Inc. will be held at 1090 Pleasant St., Paxton from noon-3 p.m. Donation is \$10.

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North Brookfield

North Brookfield begins the holiday season

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Families local and out of town came to participate in an evening full of holiday-related activities to kick off the season.

There was letter writing, a parade featuring emergency service vehicles and Santa himself riding on a North Brookfield fire truck as well hot chocolate and desserts at the First Congregational Church.

Before the parade began at the school grounds, there was letter writing, ornament coloring and live music at the Haston Public Library.

Musical performances from students from “On Q Piano” played songs on a keyboard.

Haston Public Library Director Dawn Thistle, said the event not only allows for people to write letters to Santa as well as other crafts, but people could stay warm inside before the parade.

“This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Haston Public Library and they’re working with Santa on this one to make sure he responds to the letters,” Thistle said.

In the library Josh Hayden, 8, Shyra McWhorter, 13, and Enya Hayden, 7, all of North Brookfield, sat together while making their crafts.



Turley Publications staff photos by Melina Bourdeau

Brookfield Orchards rode through the North Brookfield holiday parade with music and lights.

Josh Hayden said he drew a picture of a snowman on his letter to Santa.

“This year I’m asking for a Lego creeper Minecraft set,” Hayden said. “I think I’ve been on the nice list.”

McWhorter said she was looking forward to the parade.

“It’s a really fun event to go to,” she said. “I haven’t been to the parade in a few years.”

Enya Hayden said she was coloring a gingerbread orna-

ment. “I am going to put it on my Christmas tree,” Hayden said.

Decorations on the North Brookfield Common included the Grinch, candy canes and nutcrackers.

Around 6 p.m. people lined the street, waiting for the holiday music and sirens coming from down the road.

The parade included North Brookfield ambulance, fire department, police vehicles and floats from local groups. Exit Realty,

Brookfield Orchards and local boy and girl Scout groups had floats as well.

Four friends, Kayleigh McPartlind, Jillian LaMontagne, Becca Smith and Allison Smith, went to see the parade together.

McPartlind 10, said her favorite part of the evening was seeing the lights of the tree go on.

“I also like it because I get to spend time with friends and family,” McPartlind said. “It’s really fun to see Santa, too.”



Inside of Haston Free Public Library, children like Garrett Kowal and his sister, Jessica Kowal, made ornaments and wrote letters to Santa before the holiday parade.

LaMontagne, 10, said it was her first time going to the parade.

“I’m looking forward to the floats though, I’m very excited,” LaMontagne said. “I think I’ll like the lighting of the tree.”

Like LaMontagne, Becca Smith said she had never seen the parade before. “My brother is on one of the floats so I can’t wait to see that,” Smith said.

After the parade, Santa counted down from 10 with the crowd and the lights on the common lit up.

The evening ended at the First Congregational Church with crafts and desserts.

After meeting Santa, Nathan Rondeau, 6, and Isabella Rondeau, 8, reflected on their night.

“It was good to see Santa,” Isabella Rondeau said. “I told him something very important.”

Her brother agreed. “I loved it so much,” he said. “It was so much fun to see Santa on the fire truck.”

Patricia Bernard earns CRCM designation

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank (NBSB) announces Patricia Bernard, senior vice president and compliance officer recently earned the Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager (CRCM) designation from the American Bankers Association.

The CRCM certification is awarded to individuals, who demonstrate excellence in the field of bank regulatory compliance. To qualify for the CRCM certification, individuals must have certain levels of experience and education in the compliance profession, pass an exam and agree to abide by a code of ethics. The CRCM exam covers regulatory requirements as they relate to credit, deposits/securities, safety and soundness, information reporting and corporate responsibility. Annual continued education

in the field of bank regulatory compliance is required to maintain the designation of CRCM.

“Patty possesses in-depth experience and understanding in the bank regulatory compliance industry. Her success in earning her CRCM designation just further validates her commitment to excellence in her role as senior vice president, compliance officer,” said Donna Boulanger, North Brookfield Savings Bank president and CEO. “We are proud of Patty for her accomplishments and know her expertise will continue to bring great value to the bank.”

Patricia Bernard of Palmer has over 19 years of experience with in the banking industry. As North



Patricia Bernard

Brookfield Savings Bank’s senior vice president and compliance officer she is responsible for the development, continuous improvement and administration of the bank’s comprehensive compliance program which entails overseeing related policies, procedures and processes, staying informed of all changes within the

compliance environment and offering support to foster overall organizational compliance. In addition, she holds a Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer (CCBCO) certification. She also chairs the bank’s Regulatory Compliance Committee and is responsible for administering the Bank’s Community Reinvestment

Act (CRA) program, in addition to assisting the Bank’s BSA Officer in carrying out their entity-wide BSA program.

Financial services professionals, working through ABA, initiated the CRCM certification and seven others in order to establish meaningful standards of knowledge in specialty areas of the financial services industry. ABA Professional Certifications formally recognize those who meet these standards and meet professional continuing education and development requirements.

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

Forest partnership helps landowners with forest management

For forest landowners in south-central Massachusetts substantial funding is now available to help manage privately-owned land while improving habitat for birds and other wildlife. The MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership is helping landowners apply for funding to create a forest management plan and bird habitat assessment for their property.

The program is part of the \$6.1 million Southern New England Heritage Forest conservation initiative, an unprecedented three-state collaboration involving Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, made possible through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Landowners with land in the following towns are eligible: Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Holland, Ludlow, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Sturbridge, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

A professional forester trained in the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation’s “Foresters for the Birds” program will work with landowners to develop a high-quality forest stewardship plan consistent with the owner’s goals for their land including a bird habitat assessment. The plan will recommend specific steps landowners can take to benefit the health of their woods, improve wildlife habitat, enhance recreational opportunities, and provide added value. The plan will meet federal and

state requirements, and may be used for enrollment in the state’s Chapter 61 property tax reduction programs.

Grant funds are available to pay for most of the forester’s costs and to completely fund the bird habitat assessment. Landowners will be responsible for choosing a forester from an approved list and paying for a percentage of the total cost of the forest management plan. This program is ideally suited for landowners who have never had a forest management plan and own more than 10 acres of woodlands.

Massachusetts is accepting applications on a rolling basis so you may apply at any time. To get started, contact Christopher Riely at christopher@sweet-birchconsulting.com or 401-225-6135. Visit the website of the lead partner organization, The Last Green Valley (www.thelastgreenvalley.org) in Connecticut, for links to the application materials, including a list of the towns in south-central Massachusetts that are included in the program region.

The Southern New England Heritage Forest is a 1.5 million-acre core forest corridor stretching along the Connecticut and Rhode Island border to the Quabbin Reservoir in Massachusetts. Bounded by more heavily urbanized areas with more than one million nearby residents, the SNEHF still has an astonishing 76 percent forest cover and offers one of the last viable wildlife corridors from southern to northern New England.

Second Chance collecting Paw Points for shelter cats

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services is asking cat owners, who use Fresh Step cat litter to donate Paw Points to help care for homeless cats in the organization’s care. The nonprofit houses 50-150 cats at any given time between the shelter and foster care so receiving free litter through the Paw Points program is critical to meeting the needs of all these cats.

CEO Sheryl Blancato is grateful to everyone who donates the Fresh Step loyalty point throughout the

year. “This year has been a remarkable year. We’ve had more cats and kittens in foster care than ever before as many came with young litters or underaged kittens. As a result, we’ve gone through much more litter than usual.”

“This is a great way to help the pets at our adoption center for free,” adds Blancato. “Programs like this play an important part of helping pets.”

Anyone interested in donating Paw Points can do it online at www.freshstep.com

by simply registering, entering their points and selecting Second Chance Animal Services to make a donation. Cat owners can also drop off collected Pawpoints at any Second Chance location.

Second Chance is a nationally recognized organization that provides innovative programs and services to help animals. They plan to help over 40,000 pets this year through adoption, low cost spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational programs,

training, a pet food pantry, and other services.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations and grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. For more information, people may visit Second Chance’s website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Red Cross seeks Central Mass. ‘Heroes’ for annual recognition event

MEDFORD – The American Red Cross is seeking nominations for next year’s Heroes Breakfast held to honor the selfless and humanitarian acts of citizens in Central Massachusetts.

The Red Cross wants to honor those, who are enriching and transforming lives, be it through a heroic act that saved a life or through the donation of years of service to the public. At the breakfast, the Red Cross is proud to showcase how local heroes change lives. The annual Heroes Breakfast honors ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

People may nominate a hero online. The categories include: life-saving, professional, armed forces, community service or youth.

A nomination can be completed online at www.redcross.org/centralmaheroes. The annual Heroes Breakfast will be held March 24, 2020 at the Beechwood Hotel in

Worcester. Nomination deadline is Dec. 31.

Every day the Red Cross is in the community, assisting people after home fires, educating residents about fire safety and teaching health and safety classes to help citizens be ready in the event of an emergency. The Red Cross wants to honor those in the community giving of themselves to enrich others.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s

blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers

and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, people may visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamerica.org or visit them on Twitter at RedCross.

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Stations of the Cross were repainted and marveled at the two faux stained glass windows, on the back wall on either side of the actual stained glass window.

 “They faux windows depicted scenes of St. Joseph’s life, one with the child Jesus in his workshop and the other, his marriage ceremony to the Blessed Virgin,” said Fr. Callahan, who shared many more details of the renovations, too lengthy to list. “I was very pleased with the result, considering the low cost to accomplish everything.”

 Although it is traditional through the Catholic Church to perform ceremonies similar to the special blessing of the chapel, the Bishop was pleasantly surprised at the transformation.

 “I remember this as a little dark church,” Bishop McManus said after Mass. “The Blessed Sacrament is right in the middle of the church now.

Everything fits perfectly.”

 “Visiting Barre, it’s like quintessential New England,” continued Bishop Mcmanus. “There was very little traffic on my drive out here. I like the quiet life.”

 The Bishop, who services Worcester County and performs Mass at his own church in Worcester, the Cathedral of Saint Paul, was happy to have the time to visit the Barre community, as Fr. Callahan continued the celebration of the chapel and hosted the special guest for dinner after the Mass.

 Parishioner Peg Morin-Cusson couldn’t say enough complimentary things about both the Mass with the Bishop and the chapel renovations.

 “The Mass was absolutely marvelous,” said Morin-Cusson. “The Bishop had a wonderful homily. Fr. Jamie just comes up with all these great ideas, he’s so creative. It warms your heart, he’s so good – he makes old things like new.”



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St. Francis of Assisi Parish of Barre welcomed Bishop Robert J. McManus to perform Mass last Saturday afternoon and to bless the recent renovations at St. Joseph’s Chapel. Serving at the Mass from left, Altar server Max Lewis, Deacon Scott Colley, altar server Harry Lewis, Bishop Robert J. McManus, altar server Ryan Wing, Father Jamie Callahan and Deacon Dave Vaillancourt.



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place at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Barre Congregational Church, also located in the center of Barre will hold its annual Christmas Fair the same day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will held a cookie sale and gift table from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Lodge of Masons on 71 Pleasant St. The Barre Senior Center will hold a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road.

 The Barre Lions Club will be selling breakfast sandwiches on the Common beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will sell hot dogs from noon-3 p.m.

 The Covenant Evangelical Church will sponsor a nativity display on the common and will server refreshments.

 The Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., will offer a Christmas ornament craft from 10 a.m. to noon. Athol Savings Bank sponsors the craft and

refreshments.

 MOC Community Partnership will host Gingerbread Madness from 10 a.m. to noon for children at their building, 21 Allen Drive. Children will make gingerbread cookies and ornaments. Each family receives a gingerbread book. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Faery Tribe Body Art will do face painting in the Barre Town Hall.

 From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Magic Joe Scola will be wandering around the Common to entertain children and adults alike with his card tricks.

 The Santa parade will take place around 12:15 p.m. The parade forms at Ruggles Lane Elementary School parking lot and travels to Barre Common. Santa and Mrs. Claus will turn on the lights at the Harding Allen Bandstand, located on the Common, at 1 p.m. The lights will remain on from Dec. 7 into early January.

 Santa and Mrs. Claus will then go to the Heritage House, formerly the Tatman House, 20 Common St., where children may

visit with them.

 Horse drawn wagon rides around the common will start at 1 p.m. outside the Barre Historical Society building, 18 Common St. The stagecoach and historical exhibits will be available for viewing from 1-3 p.m.

 From 1-3 p.m. people may warm up with free hot chocolate and cookies sponsored by Fidelity Bank, on the Common. The Kid’s Christmas obstacle course will provide fun for children on the common from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St. will hold its annual Christmas production “Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings” by Stuart Ross. Dates include Dec. 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees Dec. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. For reservations, people may visit barreplayerstheater.com or call 978-355-2096.

 The Barre Lions Club will be selling Christmas trees on the Common from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mt. Zion Lodge of Masons will also sell Christmas trees at the lodge located on 71 Pleasant St.

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MONDAY, DEC. 9

BARRE POST 2 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING will be held at post quarters, 450 South Barre Rd., Barre at 7 p.m. All veterans are welcome to attend. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – BARRE, UNIT 2 MEETING will be held at post quarters, 450 South Barre Rd., Barre at 6 p.m. This is their Christmas meeting. Refreshments will be provided by Jean Reed and Anne Hardaker. A Yankee swap will follow. Please join them to cheer in the holiday season. Please note the change in time of the meeting.

LINE DANCING will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 11 a.m. to noon with dance instructor J.P. Ellery. People of all ages and from surrounding towns are welcome to attend.

TAI CHI CLASSES will be led by Barre resident Roger Carrier at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., at 1 p.m. Classes are expected to last 30-45 minutes. Classes are planned for 3 days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a cost of \$5 per week (for 3 classes). This form of Tai Chi is geared toward seniors and is designed to gently loosen muscles, joints and strengthen one’s inner core. It is not rigorous and does not involve physical exertion. To sign up for the class or for more information, people may call the senior center at 978-355-5004.

WII BOWLING will be played every Monday at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 2 p.m.

BINGO will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 12:30 p.m.

ADULT COLORING GROUP will meet at Haston Free Public Library, North Brookfield every Monday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Coloring pages and pencils are available or people can bring their own supplies. All are welcome. For more information, people may call the library at 508-867-0208.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

BARRE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, on the Common, Park St., Barre. They welcome volunteers in the evening between 6:30-8:30 p.m. to help set up the room and sort, date and pre-bag donated groceries for free distribution the next day. Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students who come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS will be held on Tuesdays at MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE), 21 Allen Dr., Barre from 10-11:15 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Montachusett Opportunity Council with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

ART group will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 for 5 classes with supplies included.

BINGO will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

CRIBBAGE will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

SCAT will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

QUILTING CLASSES will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for 10 weeks.

SWINGING SINGING SENIORS will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 1:30 p.m.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre, using the rear entrance.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

BARRE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, on the Common, Park St., Barre. They welcome volunteers between 9:30 a.m. and noon to help clients “shop” the food bank offerings and help carry groceries to clients’ cars. Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students who come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

BARRE FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION will be available at the Barre Congregational Church, on the Common, Park St., Barre, to people in need of food assistance from 10 a.m. to noon. Free, monthly distribution of canned, fresh and frozen food will be made available through local and regional donations and state and federal government programs. The Barre Food Pantry would like to encourage clients to bring their reusable grocery tote bags with them when they come to pick up food at distribution. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

WIC AT THE BARRE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, 151 Worcester Rd., Barre, will be held the second Wednesday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Samuel Pickens Conference Room. Walk-ins are welcome. WIC (Women Infants and Children) is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify.

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SPORTS



Quabbin Alumni Game 2019 players pose for a team picture at halftime.

Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Alumni soccer players keep holiday tradition going



Panther 2014 graduate Riley Beaupre commands the ball down the field.

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE – The score didn't matter as much as playing in the game for the two dozen plus soccer players as they got together for the Third Annual Thanksgiving Kick Off Quabbin Soccer Alumni Game last Saturday morning on Alumni Field at Quabbin Regional Middle High School in Barre.

"The event was a success as it allowed former Quabbin players and current Quabbin players to compete on the same field with each other," said 1993 soccer alum, Matthew Twarog.

Sponsored by the Friends of Quabbin Soccer, the booster organization for the Quabbin middle and high school soccer teams, the group was happy to be able to hold the event this year, after a snowy field last year caused a cancellation.

"This was the third alumni game I've played in and it was an enjoy-

able morning all around," said 1996 alum and current Quabbin girls varsity soccer coach, Jamie Cook said. "The game itself was competitive and it was great to see the other alumni players."

What originally began as a casual alumni vs current players game held around Labor Day, has now turned into a decent fundraiser after the conclusion of the season and during a holiday weekend when many alumni are back in the area visiting friends and family. Holding the game before the season was eventually stopped due to the potential risk of injury to the high school players heading into their regular season.

"I thought this game would be a nice opportunity to play some soccer after the season was over," said Quabbin sophomore and JV player Hannah Dowd. "I also thought it would be really fun to play with Shannon (Dowd's older sister who graduated in 2018 and currently

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Quabbin alums and current Quabbin soccer coaches Ryan Wine and Jamie Cook play on opposing teams at the annual alumni game.

Young snowboarder training to be elite coach

The Barre resident is focused on coaching those with Type 1 diabetes



Submitted photo

Tyler Howard from Barre is making plans to go out to Montana to train to be an Elite Coach in the Riding On Insulin (ROI) program.

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Living with Type 1 diabetes (T1D) can be challenging, but for Barre resident Tyler Howard, he's using his experience with the disease to help others.

Next month the 19-year-old Howard has the opportunity to travel to Montana to train to be an elite coach for the Riding On Insulin (ROI) program, which teaches other kids with T1D to snowboard and ski.

"I've never been out west and am really looking forward to seeing Montana and having the time of my life," Howard said, who shared his

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Panthers blast Gardner in new Turkey Eve game



Panther Jacob Warburton cruises by a Wildcat player.

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

GARDNER - The turkey tasted a lot better for the Quabbin football team after a 35-0 blowout win against the Gardner Wildcats last week on Thanksgiving Eve.

"I was really proud of the way our kids responded when challenged to finish their season strong," said Quabbin head coach Dave Buchanan. "We played an excellent game. We also had some breaks go our way and when that happens, it can turn into a rout. Gardner played hard, they're a tough football team."

Perhaps the five Panther interceptions, earning over 300 yards for the offense and a new record set in tackles for a season, could have been a few of the ingredients

for the victory on the road concluding the football season.

"There were big plays all around during the game and I was excited to see them happen for all the seniors," said senior captain Noah Herzig, who ran for 175 yards, two touchdowns – including an 80-yard rush to the end zone.

Despite a scoreless first quarter, the Panther fans in the Gardner stands could certainly sense good things were on the brink of happening when senior Tony Robidoux set the tone with Quabbin's first interception early in the game.

Robidoux went on to eventually put his visiting team on the board with a two-yard run for a

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Panther Deven Thomas smiles as he receives the Defensive Award from Quabbin AD Mark Miville after the game



Panther Tristan Kemp looks ready to stop a Wildcat opponent.

Pathfinder offense cannot answer Orioles on Turkey Day

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Staff Writer

PALMER – Last Thursday morning, the Belchertown High School football team continued its holiday winning streak with a 44-7 win at Pathfinder at St. Joe's Field. Unlike last year, the weather was more comfortable for both teams.

Belchertown had missed the playoffs by one win, getting right down to the very end of the season before a loss to Chicopee sealed Belchertown's non-playoff fate.

But, the Orioles, like others, always want to win the last one, and quarterback Cameron Otto led the way as he completed 2-of-9 passes for 46 yards. Those 46 yards brought Otto over the 1,000-yard passing mark for the year.

On the ground, Cal Daskham, who has been consistent all season long, ran for 96 yards and was named the MVP of the holiday matchup.

Belchertown opened the scoring very late, as Matt Czupryna's two-yard run into the end zone would



The Pathfinder offense lines up to start a play.

cap a scoring drive and made it 6-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Pathfinder was able to climb on the scoreboard in the second quarter as quarterback Jordan Talbot finished off a drive with a two-yard run into the end zone. Unfortunately for the Panthers, it would be their only score of the morning. Rich Martin did complete the point-after kick and Pathfinder

briefly led.

But three minutes later, Otto ran four yards into the end zone for touchdown to give the lead back to Belchertown permanently.

Sam Winston, who caught both of Otto's passes for 46 yards, had a three-yard touchdown run to start the second half. Otto would score

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Zachary Chalue starts a return for the Panthers.



Aiden Redmen attempts to defend a catch.



Hunter Niccoson takes the handoff.

Sports

QALL to hold annual meeting Dec. 9

PETERSHAM – Quabbin Area Little League (QALL) will hold its annual meeting at the Kresge Theater at Eagle Hill School (242 Old Hardwick Rd, Petersham, MA 01037) at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Board of Directors for 2019-2020. If you are interested in nominating someone (or yourself) for the Board of Directors, please attend this meeting. Nominees will be provided time to briefly introduce themselves to the Regular Members at the Annual Meeting before the vote. Positions elected annually include:

- President
- Vice President - Baseball
- Vice President - Softball
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Safety Officer
- Umpire in Chief
- Player Agent
- Other Opportunities

Please contact Shawn LaRoche, 2018-19 QALL President with any questions – qalld3ma@gmail.com.

Bondsville Bowling News

By Dave Smigiel

Central-leading Sandri was shocked by the Cannonballs 7-0 this week. Micah Hinckley at 310 (104, 100, 106) and Keith Marchessault with his 121 and 308 paced their attack. Ralph Marchessault contributed with an excellent 111 to help lock up the third. Sandri could only muster 303's by Sean Andersen and Sue Horton. Sean's total included 106 and 101 singles while Sue's 107 and 108. Good to see Rich Picotte back after a stint on the disabled list as he managed a 103 in his return to action. Pinfall by 97 to the Cannonballers.

The Slow Burners were red hot in the second half of round one and continued that torrid pace with their seven nothing drubbing of the Narutowicz. Scott Radisic at 357 (138 and 123) was their best. Nathan Orszulak was right behind as his 355 resulted from strings of 105, 112 and 138. Dean Koczur added singels of 105 and 106 (306) while Carl Oberg got in on the action with his string two 110. 300 was tops for the barmen as Lee Robinson's included 107 and 104 singles. Cricket Trzpit rolled a 107 in the losing effort.

The Snappers awoke from their doldrums by surprising Roll-A-Way 5-2. Kevin Krasnecky was out front at 330 (120 and a pair of 105's). Ed Stachowicz followed at 321 (104, 100, 117) while Ryan Balicki chipped in with a 106 finisher. Phil Clough was a one man show for Roll-A-Way, however, without much help from his mates his 376 (127, 135, 114) went for naught. His series topped all bowlers this week. Dan Gauthier recorded a 117 and Paul Martin a 106 in their only win of the evening.

In a low scoring affair, the Incredibowls got past the Night Hawks 5-2. Billy Brunk inflicted most of the damage with his 346 trifecta. In the first, 113's by Bill and Peter Swistak swamped the sleeping Hawks. They took the second off while the Hawks awoke with Doug Grigas' 112, Dave Fenneyery's 106 and Gavin Sinclair's 101 deciding it. Dave added a 114 third and Dave Smigiel a 109 but the Incredibowls got the better of it as Aaron Plankey's 118 (300) and Bill's dynamite 135 was all the Incredibowls needed. Dave F topped the Hawks at 310.

The Fans of Kayce Smith lost the first to Kibbe's Saw Mill but roared back to take the final two and pinfall by 38 (5-2 win). Mike Nicholson was tops as his 357 resulted from strings of 108, 121 and 128. Aiding was Tom Clauson at 309 (110 and 104), Brain Rowe with his 109 and Rich Dunnack 102 and 100. Steve Kibbe led the Saw Mill with his 101 and 277 while Dave Burke registered a 100.

Fire Mountain has struggled of late and this week were upset 5-2 by Zeke's Freaks in a tight match where string one was decided by two pins and string three by four. Jody Orszulak filled in for the Freaks and his 118 and 103 singles along with Zeke Sicard's 114 opener decided it. Rick Trott's consistent 294 (98, 97, 99) was the best they could come up with. Bob LaPlante tossed a 110 for the mountaineers in their string one victory.

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itinerary. "They will be teaching us how to properly instruct kids on how to ski and snowboard and how to help them with their diabetes on a deeper level."

The group Howard is referring to is the ROI team and non-profit organization, initially founded by professional backcountry snowboarder Sean Busby, who was diagnosed himself in 2004 with T1D while he was training for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

After hearing stories of younger children living with the disease and overcoming obstacles, Busby was inspired and wanted to offer programs to other children and young adults that included action sports. Currently ROI offers ski and snowboarding, mountain biking and surfing camps all over the country and in Canada.

Howard's mother Laurie first read about ROI online and was thrilled to see the program held a session in Massachusetts.

"I saw they added Wachusett Mountain as a new camp and knew immediately that Tyler would want to attend," said Laurie Howard.

The younger Howard was 11 years old the first time he participated in the one-day camp, tra-

ditionally held on a Saturday in February and open to kids and teens from age 7 to 17 with T1D, their siblings or close friends.

"I really love snowboarding so that was really fun, but also being able to connect with other diabetics makes you feel really at home because they are able to relate to you in a way most people can't," said Howard, explaining his experience as a camper.

In eighth grade Howard was able to join the junior coaches program, helping other kids when ROI came to Wachusett during February and when he turned 18, Howard signed up to be a volunteer with

ROI.

"I've been able to teach many kids the fundamentals of snowboarding, the basics of keeping your meter warm, watching your blood sugar level and to be a better diabetic," stated Howard, who explained that T1D is a disease where the pancreas no longer produces any insulin to counteract the sugar levels in the food eaten. "Ever since I did the junior coaches camp I have wanted to become an elite coach, and when I was finally old enough to go, I was so excited."

A recent graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Fitchburg, Howard is currently working full time and keeping active with ROI.

"Since ROI is a nonprofit, we don't get paid, but I don't mind it at all, I love the experience," said Howard.

As a matter of fact, Howard is actually raising funds for his training trip and the organization through an online page, hoping to reach the \$2000 mark.

"It's made my heart so full that so many people wanted to help Tyler," Laurie Howard said, as her son has already raised \$1500. "We are blessed to have formed relationships with so many supportive and generous people along the way."

The elder Howard has been overjoyed with all the connections both her and her son have made through ROI over the years.

"There are so many families that completely and thoroughly understood what our lives were like," Laurie Howard said. "The parents would have an opportunity to hang out and discuss problems, successes, helpful tips and just be there for each other while the kids were on the slopes."

"I have not spoken to anyone that did not absolutely love their experience with ROI, most families come back year after year," continued Laurie Howard. "There is so much to T1D that nobody sees. It takes so much work on a daily basis to attempt to keep blood sug-

ars in range. Tyler's done a really great job of not letting it define who he is. He's been a good role model and has proven that T1D will not stop him from doing anything he wants."

Once Howard completes his training in Montana, he will be able to travel anywhere that is in need of his help.

"You can do anything with T1D, there are just some things you have to do differently than other people, like dealing with blood sugars, making sure infusion sites don't get ripped out, etc.," commented Howard. "There isn't anything in my life that has been a big challenge for me with T1D. Sometimes you get really sick of it, but you have to just keep going."

The Wachusett ROI Camp is set for Feb. 8, 2020, with more information found on the ROI website. Donations are still being accepted on Howard's webpage for his Montana training at <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2503776>.

Red Sox Winter Weekend comes to Western Mass.

SPRINGFIELD – The Boston Red Sox will host a weekend get-away of hot stove fun for fans and families in the City of Springfield, MA, for the first time on Jan. 17 and 18, 2020. The sixth annual "Red Sox Winter Weekend" will take place at MGM Springfield and its neighboring facility, the Mass Mutual Center.

Red Sox Winter Weekend includes a Town Hall Meeting with Red Sox leaders, autographs and photos with Red Sox players, and round-table discussions on a variety of baseball topics. The weekend also includes a full baseball festival for fans of all ages.

Weekend passes for Winter Weekend are on sale now at redsox.com/winterweekend. Passes provide access for the entire event and are \$80 for adults and \$30 for children 14 and under. Children two and under are free. Red Sox Season Ticket Holder prices (for adults) are \$70 and their children's price is \$25. Information about discounted hotel rooms in the area are available on the website. Mastercard is the preferred payment of the Boston Red Sox.

Members of the 2020 Red Sox, including coaching staff, are invited to attend. Red Sox alumni, Wally the Green Monster and his sister Tessie will also be in attendance.

The weekend will begin Friday night with the introduction of the participating players, followed by a fan-interactive Town Hall Meeting with Red Sox leadership on hand to answer questions from fans. The Town Hall event will be televised by NESN at a later date.

Throughout the day on Saturday, fans will have an opportunity to get autographs and take

photos with players, see the four World Series Trophies, and Red Sox artifacts such as Silver Bats, Gold Gloves, MVPs, and Cy Young Awards.

Family-friendly activities include wiffle ball on the indoor field, a virtual reality experience, batting and pitching cages, and the chance to meet Wally and Tessie. Panel discussions will also take place throughout the day on Saturday, with popular favorites returning such as the kids-only press conference and a game show presentation.

NESN and WEEI will broadcast live from Red Sox Winter Weekend on Saturday with interviews with Red Sox players and leadership. Red Sox radio partner WEEI will have a fan interactive photo opportunity, and NESN will give Winter Weekend

attendees the opportunity to meet the NESN network broadcasters. NESN Clubhouse, presented by Delta Dental of Massachusetts, will also be hosting open auditions for young fans who want the chance to be on NESN's award-winning and commercial-free pre-game show for kids, which airs every Sunday.

The popular "Breakfast with Wally and Tessie" will take place on Saturday morning with a dinner session also available to fans this year. Tickets for the breakfast and dinner are available for an additional cost and can be purchased at redsox.com/winterweekend.

In addition to MGM, Winter Weekend is supported by Mastercard, Tufts Health Plan, and Dunkin'. Fans are encouraged to check redsox.com/winterweekend periodically for updates on participants and activities.

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plays soccer at Husson College in Maine) when she was home for Thanksgiving."

The Dowd's were among five family combinations that got together for the game. Some were siblings, others were father and sons and in the case of Twarog, he played with his older brother Pete (class of 1990) and his son Andrew who is currently a sophomore on the varsity team.

"It was a treat to play on the same team with my brother Pete, who was a captain on the 1989 soccer team that competed in the districts," shared Twarog. "He was always looking to set me up with a pass or make the right play. I knew even if I made a poor pass to him, he'd be able to trap it and make a play. I would have preferred to play on the same team with my oldest son Andrew so he wouldn't have to have his dad and uncle beat him. Once we saw the rosters we let him know we were going to win."

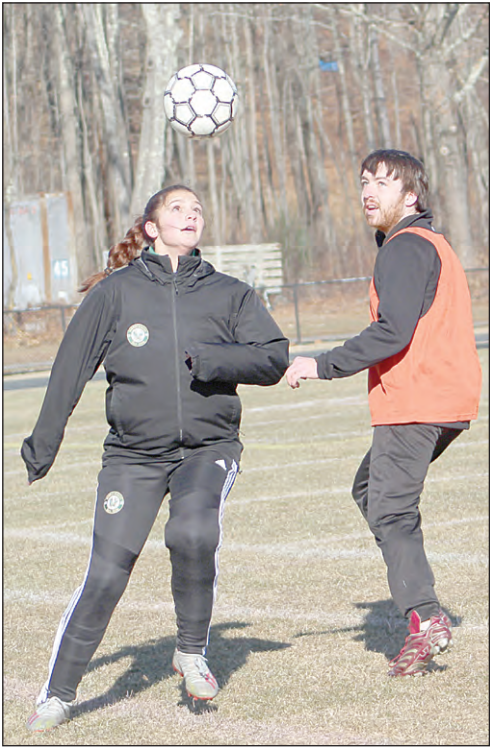
The fun trash talking carried over slightly to the Wine family, where Sydney (class of 2017 graduate) just completed her soccer career as a senior at Springfield College, competed against brother Ryan (class of 2013) who played at Merrimack College and is currently the Quabbin boys' JV soccer coach.

"Growing up I have always looked up to my brother and his skills as a soccer player," remarked Sydney Wine, who played on the winning alumni team that morning. "However, I've also learned to leave the trash talking to Ryan, even when I do end up being victorious."

"As an alumna, I like to partic-



Quabbin sophomore Andrew Twarog (left) and father Matt keep their eyes on the ball as they play on different teams at the alumni game.



Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Shannon Dowd heads the ball while Dillon Sherwood looks on at the 3rd Annual Quabbin Soccer Alumni Game last Saturday.

ipate so I can play with teammates again while helping to raise money for the Quabbin soccer program," said Cook. "Also, my sister (Liz Hoey class of 2001), is an alumna so it's fun for us to be out on the field together. As a coach for Quabbin, it's nice to be able to support the current players who join in on the day."

The majority of the feedback was positive, with all the alumni enjoying the event, hoping it continues with some suggesting playing during a warmer month and all

encouraging other Quabbin soccer players out there to participate next year.

Friends and family members even took part as spectators, cheering on their favorite Panther players, for some reminiscing over fond high school memories.

Wine and others mentioned the importance of Quabbin soccer to their high school experience and were happy to be able to reconnect with other players.

"Getting to practice and form relationships with my teammates

is something I will always cherish from my high school memories," shared Wine.

"The success I found through playing in the Quabbin soccer program while I was in high school opened up many opportunities for me after I graduated," Cook said. "Now that I'm back at Quabbin as a coach, I'm hoping my players will look back on their soccer careers feeling that they've learned lessons such as teamwork, hard work and perseverance to carry with them outside of Quabbin."

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again, and Cal Daskham and Chris Merullo both had scores in the second half to keep the offense going for the Orioles.

Pathfinder was led by Jesse Griswold, who ran 21 times for 70 yards. Belchertown's defensive line did a good job keeping him in check. Hunter Niccoson had eight carries for 53 yards.

For Belchertown, Otto had 48 rushing yards himself, while Winston carried the ball five times for 42 yards.

Belchertown finishes the 2019 season with an overall record of 6-5. Pathfinder finishes at 2-9 for the year.



Photo by Lisa Thomas-DuFresne

Jesse Griswold tries to navigate through traffic for the Pioneers.

Education

Business technology students see criminal justice system in action

FITCHBURG – Juniors and seniors in Angela Ikonen’s business technology program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School recently learned firsthand about the criminal justice system and the career opportunities available in the field.

Each year, as part of the business technology curriculum, juniors and seniors visit Fitchburg District Court.

“When studying about ethics as part of the program’s curriculum, I have found that it is far more effective if students get to actually experience our judicial system in action by visiting the Fitchburg District Court. It really has an impact on them, far more than learning it in a static approach in the classroom,” Ikonen said.

When arriving at the courthouse, First Justice Christopher P. LoConto, Associate Justice Meghan Spring, Chief Probation Officer Rebecca Ramirez, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Carol Vittoriosio, Court Officer Allison Nowak, and the Chief Security Officer Yvonne Slade spoke to the students in the courtroom before it was in session.

After introducing themselves, the justice professionals gave a brief history of how they got to that point in their careers and what their



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Shown are the Monty Tech seniors in Angela Ikonen’s business technology.

positions entail. They told the students that if they want to help people, they should consider a career in the criminal justice system.

Judges LoConto and Spring both stressed the inherent dangers in social media, and how it can negatively impact lives, particularly for teenagers.

Judge LoConto urged the students to “be smart and be careful, lives can change in a second.” He went on to say that the three most important factors they should strive for in their lives right now are: integrity, honesty, and work ethic.

Court was then brought into session, and the students observed a

number of cases concerning drug abuse and mental health issues.

Following the hearings, the judges recessed and conducted a question and answer session with the students. For most students, this was the first time in a courtroom.

“Judge LoConto and Judge Spring go out of their way to talk to the students and to ask them their thoughts, concerns, and questions about what they observed. They explain in detail every aspect of what transpired. I have found over the years that students respond very well to this approach. Some of my students are

interested in the law and getting to experience the process has a very positive impact on them,” said Ikonen.

Students had very favorable comments about the visit and the impact it had on their lives and possible career paths.

“I really liked it and thought it was a cool experience to be able to see how the courthouse worked and the behind the scenes operations,” said Jaelynn Corbeil of Fitchburg.

“I found that everyone in the room has a specific job, and they all have to consistently fire on all cylinders to do it right. It was apparent that a highly functioning court-

house must have highly functioning workers in every department,” said Alexander Diaz of Barre.

“I’ve been interested in a career in law for many years now, and this field trip has truly opened my eyes and shown me that I want to pursue my dream in doing that. I’m grateful that I was able to learn about each career from their perspectives, and it helped me gain more knowledge about everyone’s job in the court system. I was mainly intrigued learning about the probation officer position. The office truly inspired me and persuaded me to think about entering that career. I’m glad I was able to have

this experience, and would like to do it again,” according to Ashlee Aldana of Fitchburg.

“I thought the courthouse visit was a great opportunity to see alternative careers and also a good experience overall. We got to see how the different parts of the court worked, and what each job entailed. Overall, the visit was an eye-opening experience,” said Steven Parsons of Princeton.

“The visit to the courthouse was an eye-opening experience, and I enjoyed it very much. It showed me how intense working in law can be because of the non-stop action,” said Caleb Linnan of Barre.



Shown are the Monty Tech juniors in Angela Ikonen’s business technology.

Local students inducted into honor society MWCC Dean Zelesky receives NASPA award

SPRINGFIELD – The Western New England University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society welcomed 62 arts and science students at the annual induction ceremony, which took place on Nov. 1 in Rivers Memorial Hall on the University campus.

Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society for first year students that encourages and recognizes superior academic achievement. Alpha Lambda Delta seeks to promote intelligent living, a continued high standard of learning, and encourages students

to recognize and develop meaningful goals for their roles in society. Members pledge to use their education to benefit the community, the college, the nation and the world. Acceptance is based on attaining a minimum grade point average of 3.50 in their first semester of study or a 3.50 cumulative average at the end of the first year.

The following local arts and science students were inducted: Cassidy Culver of Barre, majoring in forensic biology; Travis Lanpher of Hubbardston, majoring in health sciences; Emma Schultz of North

Brookfield, majoring in biology and Michael Shedd of North Brookfield, majoring in computer science.

Celebrating its centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the School of Law.

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) announces the recognition of Jason Zelesky, its Dean of Student Affairs, as the 2019 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region I Community College Professional award recipient. Award recipients in Region I were recognized during a ceremony at the NASPA Region I Conference in Providence, R.I. Tuesday, Nov. 19. MWCC director of veterans affairs, Robert Mayer was on hand to personally award to Zelesky.

The NASPA is a member-centered association supporting a network of 15,000 professionals and 1,200 institutions across the globe.

Region I encompasses the New England states and Eastern Canada as well as the United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

The Community College Professional award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership and a commitment to the profession, who has contributed to creating a campus environment that promotes student learning and professional development, and an outstanding individual contribution in innovative and responsive services and programs that address varied and emerging needs of students. Student affairs professionals in all

positions at community colleges are eligible for this award.

“Not only is it a privilege and honor to work with Jason, it is incredible how much I learn from him,” stated Dr. Paul Hernandez, MWCC vice president of academic and student affairs. “As a college, we are lucky to have him; our students truly benefit from having a champion like Jason.”

As the regional award recipient, Zelesky will be submitted as a candidate for the National Community College Professional Award. The NASPA National awards will be presented in Austin, Texas at the National Convention in March 2020.



Quabbin's Noah Herzig was on fire as he ran for an 80 yard touchdown against Gardner last week.



Photos by Ray Duffy

Quabbin's Devan Thomas looks for openings as he runs down the field.

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touchdown, five plays after teammate Jacob Warburton intercepted a pass on the Gardner 13-yard line.

Playing both sides of the line, the senior Robidoux also closed out his Panther career with setting a team record for most tackles in a season (130.5), including 16 against the Wilcats.

A third Quabbin interception late in the second quarter by senior Devan Thomas – the recipient of the defensive player of the game – helped to stretch the lead further as he ran 45 yards to score, with Herzig adding a pair of points from a pass from senior Sam Coppolino to close the half at 14-0.

“It felt pretty good to receive the award,” Thomas said. “Once Tony scored, we started rolling. We finally came together during the last game and it was fun to have such a good game be the last memory.”

On paper the Wildcats with a 4-6 record seemed to match up well against Quabbin and their 5-6 standing, but in the case of the first Thanksgiving match up, the Panthers were just too powerful this year for

Gardner to get anything past them.

Thomas continued the charge with an 80-yard blast down the field for six more Quabbin points in the opening seconds of the second half off a kick-off return, surely taking all the wind out of Gardner’s sails. Add a point by junior Kyle Nastasi and it was a 21-0 game.

“Out of my two picks and returned kick, my favorite play was when I was at tight end and on our basic run play, I blocked a guy twice my size and pushed him to the ground,” Thomas said. “This is called a pancake, and as a smaller player blocking lineman, that doesn’t happen very often.”

Six minutes later after a hand off on a third down, Herzig flew like a bullet for 32 yards for his first of two touchdowns. A fourth Quabbin interception and the second by Thomas in Quabbin’s own territory only helped set the stage for the last and show stopping Panther 80-yard touchdown and two point conversion by Herzig, who also won the offensive player award, with nine minutes left of the game to push the score to 35-0.

“It felt great to get that award, I have been dreaming about that spe-

cific award since my freshman year,” Herzig said. “The game was also very good. We played together and played our hearts out.”

With a little over one minute of game action, Robidoux got the fifth and final interception when the Wildcats were running down the clock, still plugging away trying to make something happen.

Buchanan credited the offensive line – Tristan Kemp, Luke Lessore, Owen Faulha, Colton Wells and Ray Duffy, as well as tight ends Robidoux, Warburton, Evyn Pryzbek and Thomas for bouncing back after struggling slightly in the first quarter. Standout Hector Johnson contributed to the cause that evening with 13 tackles.

“The boys were excited, anything we can do to get off on the right foot early in a new rivalry we want to do,” said Buchanan. “It was also a great way to send those seniors out. The highlight of that game for me was watching how the team rallied around each other. We always talk about family and playing for the guy next to you and we really did that Wednesday night. Everyone pulled together and left everything they had on the field.”

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 programs throughou
 t the year.

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 Thursday of each month 5:30-6:30
 p.m.

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 Wednesday of each month
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 ing Tuesday
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 ing Thursday
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 Tel. Church 978-249-2738
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 Oct. 6 - Immigration with Rev. Inanna
 Arthen
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 Beauty and Goodness”
 Oct. 20 - Inanna Arthen
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 (See website for schedule)

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 Universalist Church,
 Hardwick Center

Worship begins at 10 a.m. on Sundays
 with Sunday School during worship.
 In summer, services are at 9:30 a.m.
 and Sunday School
 is in recess.

Further information is available on
 their website

triparishcommunitychurch.com or
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 ishcc@gmail.com or by phone at
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 gardnerumc@gmail.com
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 Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m.
 Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday
 6:30-8 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal - Sunday 9 a.m.
 Website gardnerumc.org

Central Congregational Church to hold Christmas Vespers concert

ORANGE – The First
 Universalist Parish of North
 Dana is sponsoring a free, pub-
 lic Christmas Vespers Program at
 Central Congregational Church
 of Orange on Saturday, Dec. 7
 at 4 p.m. The program will be
 a traditional and modern music
 for Brass Quintet, performed by
 the Pioneer Valley Brass. The
 funds for the concert come from
 a trust established when the First
 Universalist Parish of North
 Dana was forced to leave North
 Dana for the creation of the
 Quabbin Reservoir in the 1930’s.
 To honor its commitment to fos-
 ter the memory of the Parish,
 descendants and friends meet
 annually to administer the trust
 funds and to arrange for concerts
 throughout the North Quabbin
 area. This is the 791st such pro-

gram in the memorial series.

Saturday’s program of special-
 ly arranged music for brass quin-
 tet will include “Fanfare for an
 Angel” by Stephenson; “Let All
 Mortal Flesh Keep Silent/Tantum
 Ergo” arranged by Price, “The
 First Noel” arranged by Roberts,
 “Once in David’s Royal City,”
 arranged by Price; “Patapan”
 arranged by Willis, “Ding Dong
 Merrily on High” arranged by
 Price, “Jesus Child” arranged by
 Bannister; “Somewhere in my
 Memory” arranged by Arnold,
 “Christmas Jazz Suite,” arranged
 by Holcombe, “It’s Beginning
 to Look a Lot Like Christmas”
 arranged by Tandy and “Mambo
 on the Housetop” arranged by
 Meeboer. The program is always
 subject to change.

The Pioneer Valley Brass is a

group of talented musicians from
 throughout the area, and has been
 performing for over 40 years. Dick
 Tandy and Melissa Griffin play
 trumpet, Jim Engele plays horn,
 Jeri Bannister performs on trom-
 bone and Joe Hoye is featured on
 tuba.

The Pioneer Valley Brass will
 also be performing Christmas
 Vespers sponsored by the First
 Universalist Parish of North
 Dana on Saturday, Dec. 14
 at 5:30 p.m. in the First Parish
 Unitarian of Hubbardston and
 Sunday, Dec. 15 in St. Paul’s
 Lutheran Church of Greenfield at
 4 p.m. People may contact music
 coordinator Maureen Riendeau
 at 978-413-6867 for information
 about First Universalist Parish of
 North Dana or to schedule a ves-
 pers program.

St. Francis of Assisi parish hosts healing ministry

BARRE – The parish of St.
 Francis of Assisi is embarking
 upon the Mission to Pray for,
 Inspire, and Invite the People
 of the Barre Area Community
 to come Know, Love and Serve
 Jesus in the Eucharist. One of
 the simplest ways to introduce a
 person to Jesus is to invite them
 to some quiet time with Jesus by
 visiting him in church before the
 Tabernacle. Therefore the church
 will be open from 8:30 a.m. until
 7 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Jan.
 7, 2020, giving everyone a chance
 to come to experience the healing
 presence of Jesus. In conjunction
 with St. Joseph’s Chapel being
 open all day they are launching a
 Healing Ministry, called Mary’s
 Garden.

Paula Grandpre Wood PT and
 the parish group – Hearts on Fire,
 invite you to come to Mary’s

Garden a place where the Body
 and Soul are nourished and cared
 for. Paula has been a Physical
 Therapist for 33 years and spe-
 cialized in Manual Therapy for
 the past 26 years. She recently
 retired from Quality PT in
 Sturbridge where she worked
 for 22 years until her retirement.
 Deepening the combination of her
 Manual Skills and her deep faith
 and formation in the Catholic
 Church, she and the Hearts on
 Fire Group will be offering a
 God Centered Therapy, which
 they call Mary’s Garden.

What do the services offer?
 Drawing on traditional physical
 therapy, and embodied through a
 holistic approach and the body’s
 inherent ability to heal itself, she
 uses integrated manual therapy
 techniques that balance the body’s
 system. Gentle hands-on pres-

sure is applied, to help guide your
 body into balance.

It doesn’t matter the age or the
 problem, chronic or acute: Body
 Balancing can help to bring into
 balance, various structural issues
 that occur throughout our life
 time. What will a session be like?
 An assessment will be made, rec-
 ommendations and gentle hands
 on techniques to follow if appro-
 priate for the current complaint.

The time and place of the
 sessions will be at St. Joseph’s
 Chapel in the sacristy during
 the hours of 1:30-5:30 p.m. on
 Tuesdays unless announced oth-
 erwise. Sign up is necessary by
 contacting Paula by email, phone
 or text at Paulagrw@gmail.com,
 or 978-434-1246. There are no
 fees only a free will donation
 to St. Francis of Assisi will be
 accepted.

CHNA 9 announces 2019-20 Mini-Grant Awards

The Community Health
 Network for North Central
 Massachusetts (CHNA 9) has
 awarded mini-grants totaling
 \$10,250 to six North Central
 Mass community organiza-
 tions. The proposed projects
 will have a significant impact
 on priority areas of the North
 Central Mass Community Health
 Improvement Plan (CHIP),
 including Healthy Eating and
 Active Living, Healthy and
 Safe Relationships, Mental and
 Behavioral Health and Substance
 Abuse, Transportation and
 Access, and Racial Justice.

Mini-grant award amounts
 range from \$600-\$2,000.
 New this year, mini-grants are
 awarded biannually, and a sec-
 ond request for proposals will
 be announced in the spring.
 Chelsey Patriss, Executive
 Director of CHNA 9, explained
 the change, saying, “The steering
 committee felt that offering two
 rounds has some advantage for
 applicants. Weak proposals can
 be strengthened, collaborations
 can be formed, and organizations
 that may suddenly have a great
 idea for a summer project in the
 springtime aren’t forced to wait
 another year before implement-
 ing. It makes us more respon-
 sive and supportive of our partner
 organizations.”

Wheat Community
 Connections will be able to offer
 safe transportation to homebound
 older adults so they can attend
 evening meals at the Wheat

Community Café throughout the
 year. This will increase access to
 healthy foods for aging in place
 and increase social connectivity
 for older adults in Lancaster.

The Bigelow Public Library in
 Clinton will build on the momen-
 tum of health and wellness classes
 begun under a Health Literacy
 Grant received from CHNA 9 in
 2017 by offering a series of Salsa
 lessons. The Library is a heav-
 ily utilized resource that provides
 ongoing opportunities for health
 education in a fun environment.

Also addressing Healthy
 Eating and Active Living while
 celebrating cultural diversity is
 Fitchburg Public Schools, which
 will bring families of diverse cul-
 tures together to sample foods
 from different cultures that are
 healthy and easy to prepare at
 home as well as make families
 aware of low-cost opportunities
 for active living in the commu-
 nity.

GAAMHA, Inc. received a
 grant to address substance abuse
 by sending current and future
 employees to the Recovery
 Coaching Academy, increas-
 ing the number of Certified
 Addiction Recovery Coaches
 able to provide service and
 support in the Greater Gardner
 region.

The YWCA of Central Mass
 will provide North Central
 domestic violence survivors with
 bus passes, cab/ride sharing fares,
 and gas cards so that survivors
 can access crucial services that

help them progress from a state
 of crisis to stability.

Related to the priorities of
 both Access and Racial Justice,
 the Clinton Adult Learning
 Center received a grant to pro-
 vide citizenship classes to its
 clients, many of whom received
 English language instruction
 through a 2017 CHNA 9 mini-
 grant.

Each year, recipients of
 CHNA 9 mini-grants imple-
 ment projects that deliver expo-
 nentially on their tiny price
 tags. CHNA 9 mini-grants are
 made possible by Heywood
 Healthcare and CHNA 9
 through the Community
 Health Initiative. CHNA 9
 is one of 27 CHNAs across
 Massachusetts, which are part
 of a Department of Public
 Health initiative to improve
 health through local collabo-
 ration. CHNA 9 is a partner-
 ship between the DPH, resi-
 dents, hospitals, local service
 agencies, schools, faith com-
 munities, businesses, boards of
 health, municipalities and other
 concerned citizens. The CHNA
 9 area includes the communi-
 ties of Ashburnham, Ashby,
 Ayer, Barre, Berlin, Bolton,
 Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner,
 Groton, Hardwick, Harvard,
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Public Safety

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, Nov. 25 4:53 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 5:12 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 5:40 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 6:15 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued 11:29 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Pine Street – Transported to Hospital	Thursday, Nov. 28 12:54 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Arrest(s) Made 10:36 a.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Main Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 8:22 a.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Pine Street – Services Rendered	Emergency Ruggles Street – Transported to Hospital 4:51 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued 8:23 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Citation Issued
Wednesday, Nov. 27 11:23 a.m. 911 – Alarm Bridge Street – Checked/Secured 11:40 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital 2:21 p.m. Phone – Medical	Friday, Nov. 29 7:45 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Jackson Road – Transported to Hospital 1:29 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Written Warning 3:07 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued 3:10 p.m. 911 – Medical	Saturday, Nov. 30 2 p.m. 911 – Alarm Main Street – Checked/Secured
	Sunday, Dec. 1 8:39 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning 1:43 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Sullivan Avenue – Transported to Hospital	Monday, Dec. 2 2:15 a.m. 911 – Suspicious Activity Church Lane – Spoken To

New Braintree Police Log

Monday, Nov. 25 12:30 p.m. Phone – Investigation Memorial Drive – Vehicle Towed	Wednesday, Nov. 27 11:42 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued	Saturday, Nov. 30 9:49 a.m. 911 – Phone Calls – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
Tuesday, Nov. 26 7:54 a.m. Initiated – Prisoner Transfer – Transferred to Court	Friday, Nov. 29 6:04 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued	Sunday, Dec. 1 5:29 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Investigation Ravine Road – Arrest(s) Made

Propane Gas Association offers winter safety tips

EPSOM, N.H. – The Propane Gas Association of New England and the New England Propane Foundation say that proper planning helps to ensure that customers are safe and warm during the winter season.

“Many New Englanders know first-hand the devastation that snowstorms, ice storms or mixed events can cause,” said Leslie Anderson, president of the Propane Gas Association New England. “The best way to make sure you’re prepared to meet your winter heating needs and ready for a storm is by preparing now.”

Get your tank filled before the start of heating season and sign up to be on automatic delivery if offered by your supplier.

Talk to your propane supplier about options such as a propane generator. When power fails, propane generators can keep your family warm and protect your

property from winter damage.

Mark the location of your tank now. Use a flag pole, or stake that is higher than the average snow cover depth for your location. It will help you avoid plowing or shoveling rooftop snow on top of your tank. Should your tank become covered with snow, use a broom to clear it.

Alert snow plow and construction contractors now. Make sure the company is advised of the location of both above ground and underground tanks. Accidental contact of snow removal or construction equipment with tanks could cause a serious safety hazard.

Keep path to propane tanks clear. Ensure that there is always a clear path to your tank for deliveries. Remember, fuel delivery trucks are twice as wide as cars, so make sure that your driveway is cleared to a width of 12 feet.

Clear areas around vents. Clear out leaves and vegetation that may build up around the side of your house near appliance vents now and keep them clear of snow throughout the winter. Proper venting from appliances is a serious safety issue.

Propane is green sustainable energy and an Environmental Protection Agency-designated clean fuel. Using propane reduces greenhouse gas emissions. For more information on the value and safe uses of propane, people may visit www.pgane.org and www.propane.com.

The Propane Gas Association of New England and the New England Propane Foundation serve more than 800 members of the propane industry by promoting safety, education, and public awareness of the uses and environmental and health benefits of propane.

Family caregivers provide \$12 billion in unpaid care to family and friends

BOSTON – In Massachusetts, approximately 840,000 family caregivers provided an estimated 700 million hours of care, worth a staggering \$12 billion, to their parents, spouses, partners and friends in 2017, according to state data available in the latest report of AARP’s Valuing the Invaluable series. The complexity of family caregiving increases as medical and nursing tasks continue to enter the home and family demographics change amidst an aging population.

“This new report demonstrates that we need to do more to assist the 840,000 caregivers in the Commonwealth,” said AARP Massachusetts state director Mike Festa. “AARP strongly supports passage of the Family Caregiver Tax Credit legislation currently being considered by the Massachusetts legislature,” said Festa. “The average caregiver spends \$7,000 annually to help care for their loved ones. A tax credit of \$1,500 per year would help ease the financial burden for caregivers.”

AARP is fighting to sup-

port family caregivers and the older family and friends, who count on them. In 2019, AARP Massachusetts is making a difference for family caregivers by working with state legislators to pass a Family Caregiver Tax Credit.

In 2020, AARP will continue to fight for commonsense solutions to give family caregivers more support, help at home, training, and more. Those solutions include:

CARE Act Implementation: The CARE Act is law in Massachusetts to assist caregivers when their loved one is released from the hospital or transitioned to another facility.

Financial Caregiving: The proposed Family Caregiver Tax Credit bill mentioned above, if passed, will help family caregivers navigate financial challenges in caring for loved ones.

Home and Community Based Care: Significantly increasing or protecting against significant decreases in the number of older adults who have access to state-funded services at home, like home care and adult day care.

The full report will be available on Nov. 14 and will include national figures, trends in family caregiving and policy recommendations.

To review state figures and the methodology, people may visit www.aarp.org/valuing.

Resources and information on family caregiving, including AARP’s Prepare to Care Guides, are available at www.aarp.org/caregiving.

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation’s largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, people may visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

\$3.09) midgrade unleaded, \$2.90 (\$2.69-\$3.39) premium unleaded and \$2.97 (\$2.69-\$3.29) diesel.

People may find the most up-to-date local gas prices with the AAA Fuel Finder by logging onto AAA.com and clicking on Gas Saving Tips and Tools.

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with 64 offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 5.7 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.

AAA reminds drivers to watch for deer

Massachusetts drivers need to watch for deer, look out for pedestrians and avoid drowsy driving. According to an AAA Northeast analysis of Massachusetts crash data, November is by far the peak month for deer crashes in the Bay State. In November 2018, there were 785 deer crashes, equivalent to 26 deer crashes per day and one deer crash every hour.

Staying alert while driving is critical particularly because deer crashes are on the rise in Massachusetts. In just the past two years, deer crashes in November have increased 32 percent, from 591 in 2016 to 785 last year.

Motorists should be especially vigilant after dark. In November 2018, 80 percent of deer crashes occurred during darkness. Crashes were most common from 5-7 p.m., during the twilight evening rush. In 2018, there was a 48 percent increase in all types of crashes during the 5 p.m. hour in the four

weeks following the time change compared to the four weeks preceding the change. There was also a 171 percent increase in pedestrian crashes in the 5 p.m. hour in the four weeks following the end of daylight savings. That’s an average of 1.4 pedestrian crashes per day in just the 5 p.m. hour in November 2018.

In November 2018, the top four counties for deer crashes were: Worcester (124), Bristol (122), Plymouth (115) and Middlesex (110).

“Drivers should always be on the lookout for hazards on the road, but the danger of deer is particularly acute during deer mating season in the fall,” said Mary Maguire, director of public and legislative affairs for AAA Northeast. “Deer pose dangers to themselves, to your vehicle, and to you, so it behooves everybody to be prepared and alert.”

AAA offers the following tips for avoiding or mitigating deer

crashes:

Scan the shoulders of the road in front of you: deer may dash out from the shoulder or wooded areas adjacent to the road.

Follow the speed limit: keeping your speed down will give you more time to respond to unexpected wildlife movements.

If a collision is unavoidable, apply the brakes firmly and remain in your lane: swerving sharply to avoid an animal can cause an even more serious crash.

Avoid drowsy driving. When you’re drowsy, you’re more likely to not notice a deer before it leaps into the roadway.

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AAA offers education program on marijuana and driving for teenagers

Nearly one in four Americans live in a state that has legalized marijuana for adult recreational use. In consideration of the recent legalization of marijuana in Massachusetts, AAA Northeast developed a timely health education program for high school students titled “Shifting Gears: The Blunt Truth About Marijuana and Driving.” This curriculum is presented by AAA traffic safety experts free of charge to high schools.

The 45 to 60-minute program curriculum, which was developed with expertise and consultation from faculty at the Brown University’s School of Public Health, fulfills Massachusetts Secondary Health Education Standards and specifically addresses:

The effects of smoking, vaping, and consuming THC on the developing teenage brain

Evidence-based information addressing preconceived ideas about marijuana use and driving

Explains the physical and cognitive processes affected by marijuana use

Provides a simulated interactive experience of impairment through activities performed using Fatal

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“Researchers in the Brown School of Public Health examining the effects of acute and chronic cannabis use have proven that marijuana impacts the brain in ways that range from an altered sense of time, to difficulty with thinking and problem solving, to hallucinations. We are proud to collaborate to raise awareness and advance the public’s understanding of the dangers of driving while under the influence of marijuana,” said Bess H. Marcus, Ph.D., Dean, Brown University School of Public Health.

Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reveals that in 2017 there were 1,830 drivers 15 to 20 years old who died in motor vehicle crashes, a leading cause of death. “This statistic is especially alarming when working with youth who openly state that they do not feel as though marijuana significantly impairs driving,” said Lloyd Albert, senior vice president of public and government affairs at AAA Northeast.

The 2017 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicated that many high school students are engaged in health-risk behaviors. Nationwide, 35.6 percent of high school students had used marijuana,

however, Massachusetts teens self-reported use above the national average (37.9 percent). The survey indicated that 42.2 percent of students have used an electronic vapor product. During the 30 days before the survey, 39.2 percent of high school students nationwide had texted or e-mailed while driving, 29.8 percent reported current alcohol use and 13.0 percent had driven a car or other vehicle one or more times while high on marijuana.

“The dangers that teens face when they mix marijuana use with driving can be catastrophic. We believe this education and awareness program delivered by AAA experts in conjunction with health teachers can serve as an effective countermeasure,” said John Galvin, AAA Northeast’s president and CEO. Educators interested in scheduling a program or learning more should visit www.AAA.com/ShiftingGears.

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Red Cross seeks blood donations

DEDHAM – The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to be the lifeline for patients in need this holiday season by making an appointment to give blood or platelets. While helping to save lives is likely motivation enough, those who come out to give now-Dec. 18 will also receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

It’s quick and easy to find a convenient blood drive. Search for drives by ZIP code and make an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, online at RedCrossBlood.org, by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

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Donors will get important health information. Donors receive a mini-health screening to help determine eligibility that includes blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin readings. First-time donors will also find out their blood type soon after donating.

As schedules fill with holiday parties, shopping and fun with friends and family, many blood and platelet donors delay giving. Unfortunately, that may lead to delays in treatments for patients relying on blood. Right now, there is a critical need for type O blood donors.

Upcoming blood and platelet donation opportunities in Worcester at the Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St. include: Dec. 5 from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Dec. 6 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 7 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Dec. 8 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Dec. 9, 10 and 11 from noon-7:30 p.m.; Dec. 12 from 11:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Dec. 13, 14 and 15 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Dec. 16, 17 and 18 from noon-7:30 p.m.

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states

(16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruz-rojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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Dienes Corporation receives manufacturing award

BOSTON – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) was proud to join members of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Caucus, chaired by Senator Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow) and Representative Jeffrey Roy (D-Franklin), this week for the Fourth Annual Massachusetts Manufacturing Awards Ceremony. Nominated by Senator Gobi for the award, the Dienes Corporation in Spencer was founded in 1954 and has been operating from a modern 40,000 sq. ft. facility in the town since 1977. Fifty plus employees design, manufacture and distribute the full range of Dienes products from knives to automatic positioning systems.

When asked for comment on the event, Senator Gobi commented, "It was fantastic to hear about and see so many exceptional Massachusetts manufacturers here today, including the Dienes Corporation of Spencer, who I was honored to nominate for the award. These producers are the backbone of the Massachusetts economy and seeing the range of products and services they are able to provide is astounding."

The award ceremony was the state's Fourth Annual Manufacturing Award Ceremony sponsored by the Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus. Along with Dienes Corporation, 77 manufacturers were recognized for truly "making it" in Massachusetts. The ceremony honored the manufacturers and showcased their innovative and revolutionary manufacturing capabilities and products. The event included companies, who make specialty and custom tools, decorative glass, baby products, marine robotics, gaskets, vacuum and cryogenic equipment, headwear apparel, custom scoliosis and spinal orthotic fabrication, medical devices, plant-based bioplastic products and even chicken nuggets and fresh milled flour.



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Shown from left are Representative Jeffrey Roy, Bill Shea (President of Dienes Corporation), Mike Hippert (Controller at the company), Senator Anne Gobi and Senator Eric Lesser.

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Formed in August 2014, the Manufacturing Caucus includes more than 60 legislators from around the Commonwealth. Lawmakers focus on training for manufacturing employees; encouraging innovation by helping start-ups access resources and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in key manufacturing sectors.

Postal inspectors offer tips to keep packages secure

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the federal law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), is working around the clock to keep the more than 15 billion mail pieces expected to be mailed this holiday season safe. Package senders and recipients can help, too. The Inspection Service advises everyone mailing gifts this season to be aware and alert and follow the six tips below.

Don't leave delivered mail and packages unattended. Just as wallets and purses shouldn't be left on the front seat of an unlocked car unattended, mail and packages shouldn't be left uncollected in mailboxes or on front porches for any length of time.

Going out of town? Hold mail at the local post office. Instead of risking leaving a package unattended for an extended period of time, customers planning on being away from home for a few days are encouraged to take advantage of the USPS Hold Mail service located on USPS.com. Letters and packages will be held securely at the local post office until the customer returns.

Plan ahead. Ship using Hold for Pickup. When shipping packages, customers can choose the Hold for Pickup option and the recipients can collect the packages at their local post office. For customers receiving packages, they can redirect incoming packages to their local post office by

selecting Hold for Pickup using USPS Package Intercept on USPS.com.

Customize the delivery. If the package doesn't fit in the mailbox and the customer won't be home to receive it, the receiving customer can provide delivery instructions online and authorize the carrier to leave it in a specified location. Visit www.usps.com, enter the tracking number and select Delivery Instructions.

Secure the shipment using USPS Special Services. Signature Confirmation helps ensure the package is placed in the right hands by requiring a signature at the time of delivery. For the most valuable packages, customers can opt for Registered Mail service. A Registered Mail piece receives special handling from the time it's mailed until it's delivered, documenting the chain of custody.

Monitor your front door. If you have a home security camera system and/or doorbell camera, ensure it captures and saves activity at your front door and mailbox. If you catch any mail thieves in the act, save the video and alert your local Postal Inspectors.

Additionally, if you notice an unfamiliar vehicle following a USPS truck or unknown persons loitering around mailboxes, report the activity to your local police department immediately and then call the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-

2455. If people feel that they are a victim of a crime involving the mail, they may submit an online complaint by visiting www.USPIS.gov and selecting Report at the top of the page.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is the nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency. It supports and protects the U.S. Postal Service and its employees, infrastructure and customers; it enforces the laws that defend the nation's mail system from illegal or dangerous use and it ensures public trust in the mail. For more information, people may visit <https://www.uspis.gov>. Follow them on Twitter and Facebook.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and to Paul H. Lam, Martha L. Lam, also known as Martha Lam, Timothy S. Grandmaison, all deceased, all formerly of Barre, Worcester County, said Commonwealth; Mickael E. Martell, Sr., now or formerly of Whitman, Plymouth County, said Commonwealth; Nadine Martell Demauro, now or formerly of Worcester, Worcester County, said Commonwealth; Lisa C. Crozier, now or formerly of Brookfield, Worcester County, said Commonwealth; Deborah L. Dupre, now or formerly of West Brookfield, Worcester County, said Commonwealth; Katherine Marie Letendre, now or formerly of New Braintree, Worcester County, said Commonwealth; Country Bank, a duly existing organization located in Ware, Hampshire County, said Commonwealth; Town of Barre (Board of Selectmen), located in Barre, Worcester County, said Commonwealth; or their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns:

Whereas, a complaint has been presented to said Court by the Town of Barre, in the County of Worcester, and said Commonwealth, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceeding described in said complaint in and concerning a certain parcel of land situate in said Barre, in the County of Worcester, and in said Commonwealth, bounded and described in said complaint as follows:

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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12/05/2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester MA, 01608 Docket No. WO19P3783PM In the matter of: Kari A Dame Of: Barre, MA CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **TLC Trust Inc of Ashburnham, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Kari A Dame** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **TLC Trust Inc By Gayle R Greene** of Ashburnham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **12/24/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Leilah A Kearny**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 26, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman
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Second Chance receives three top honors

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services volunteers and staff are taking a moment to celebrate after winning three titles at the Best of Central Mass awards ceremony at the DCU Center in Worcester recently. The organization once again garnered top honors in the Best Veterinarian, Best Nonprofit and the Best Pet Services categories of the annual awards sponsored by the Telegram & Gazette.

“We are humbled to be recognized by the public for our work,” says CEO Sheryl Blancato. “I am so proud of all we have accomplished. We have the most dedicated and passionate team of

volunteers and staff. For over 20 years we’ve been improving the lives of pets in Massachusetts. This year alone, we will help over 40,000 pets.”

Second Chance began as a small, volunteer animal shelter in 1999 and has grown into a dynamic animal welfare organization that includes three full-service Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Worcester and Springfield where they offer a wide range of care including routine wellness, care for chronic medical conditions and lifesaving surgeries. These hospitals are open to all and offer subsidized rates for qualified households to

help keep pets in their homes whenever possible.

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Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations and grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. For more information, people may visit Second Chance’s website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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